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AVENGERS ASSEMBLE

And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when the mightiest Avengers of many Earths found themselves united against a common threat — to fight the foes no single universe could withstand!

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE

PREVIOUSLY

The **Multiversal Masters of Evil**, a group comprised of the deadliest villains of their respective worlds, have been making their way through the **Multiverse**, conquering countless universes. In response, the mysterious **Avenger Prime** has been recruiting **Avengers** from across the Multiverse, gathering them in **Avengers Tower** in the God Quarry.

Meanwhile, the demon **Mephisto** has been bedeviling the Avengers of **Earth-616**, traveling through time in an effort to unravel their history. The Avengers embarked on their own journey through time, seeking to protect the very first Avengers in the prehistoric past. After exerting her powers and thereby accelerating her aging, the now elderly **Starbrand** was able to finally send herself and the team to the needed prehistoric genesis point.

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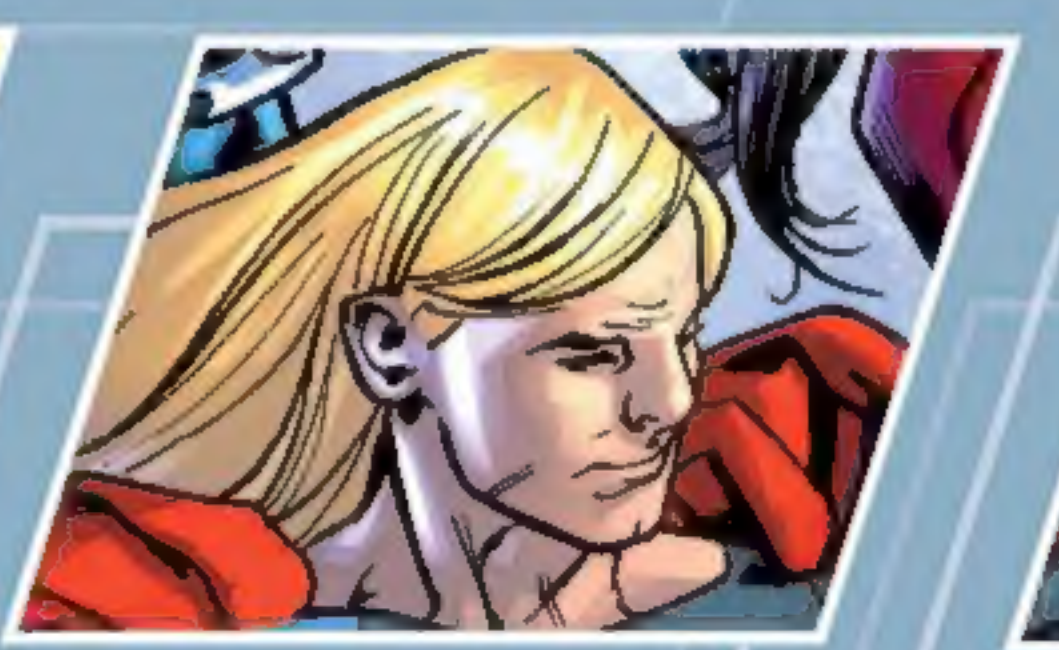
STARBRAND



VALKYRIE



IRON MAN



THOR



PHOENIX



NAMOR



CAPTAIN MARVEL



NIGHTHAWK

PREHISTORIC AVENGERS



STARBRAND



AGAMOTTO



GHOST RIDER



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MULTIVERSAL AVENGERS



CAPTAIN CARTER



Longbow



MOON KNIGHT



ANT-MAN



ALL-RIDER

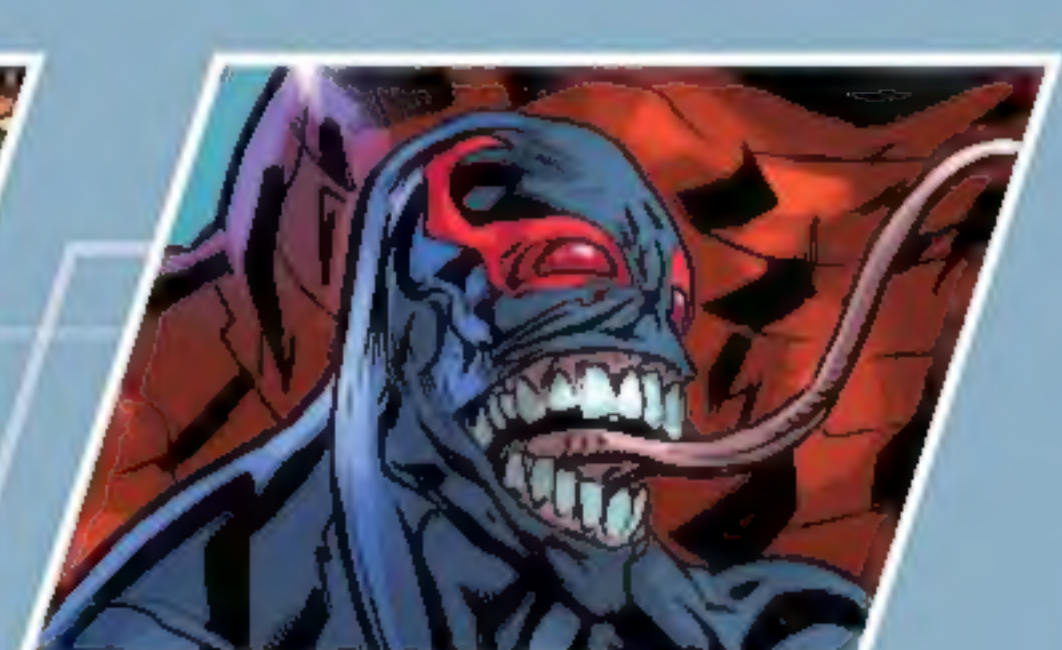
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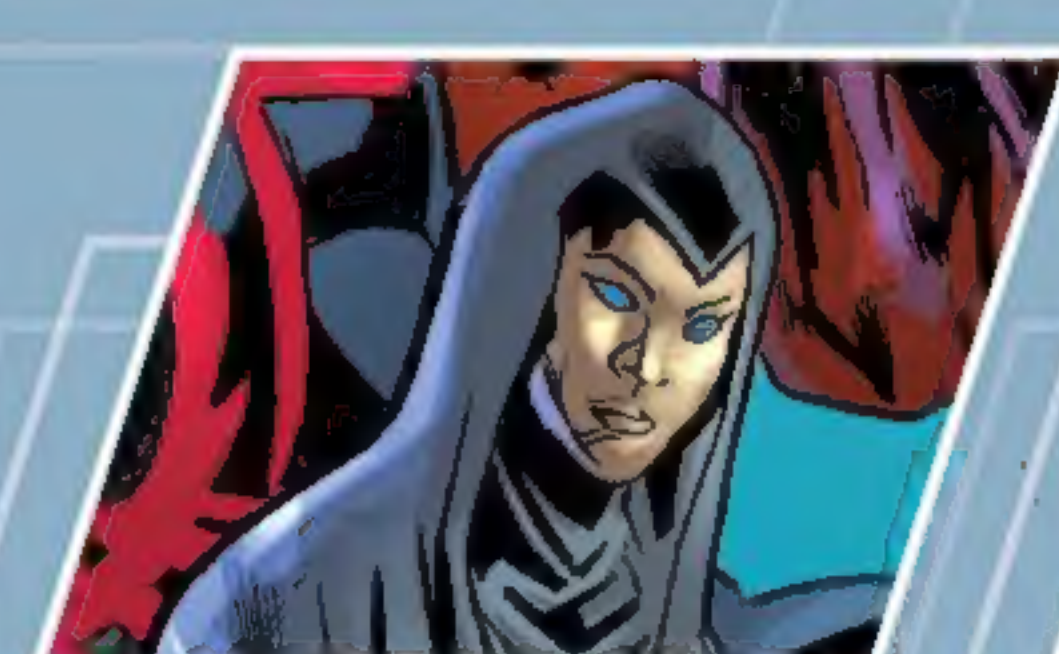
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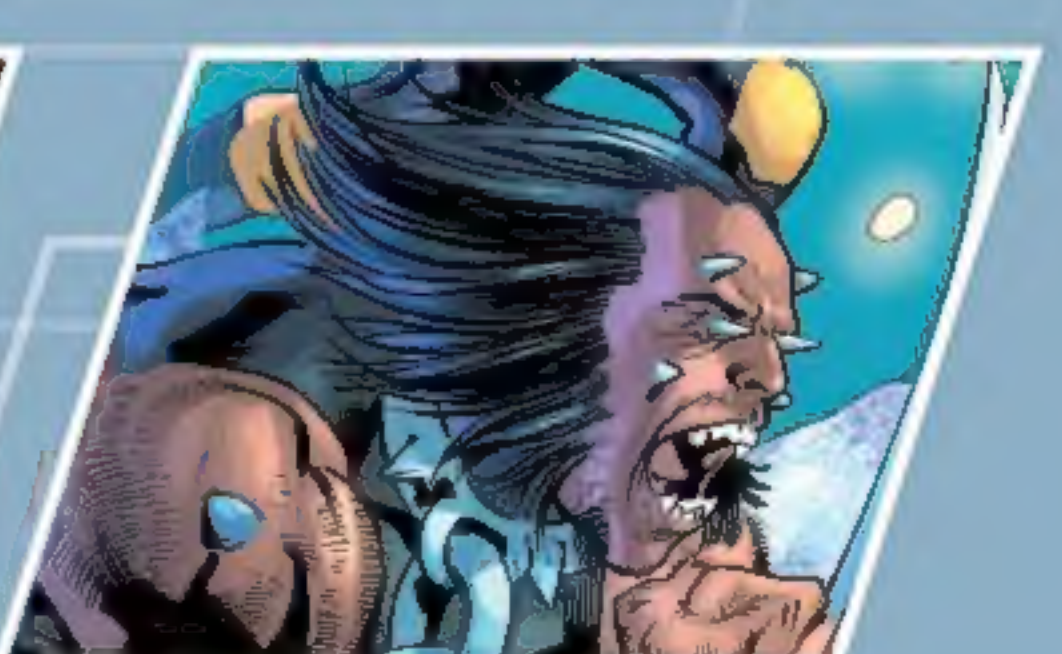
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THE BERSERKER



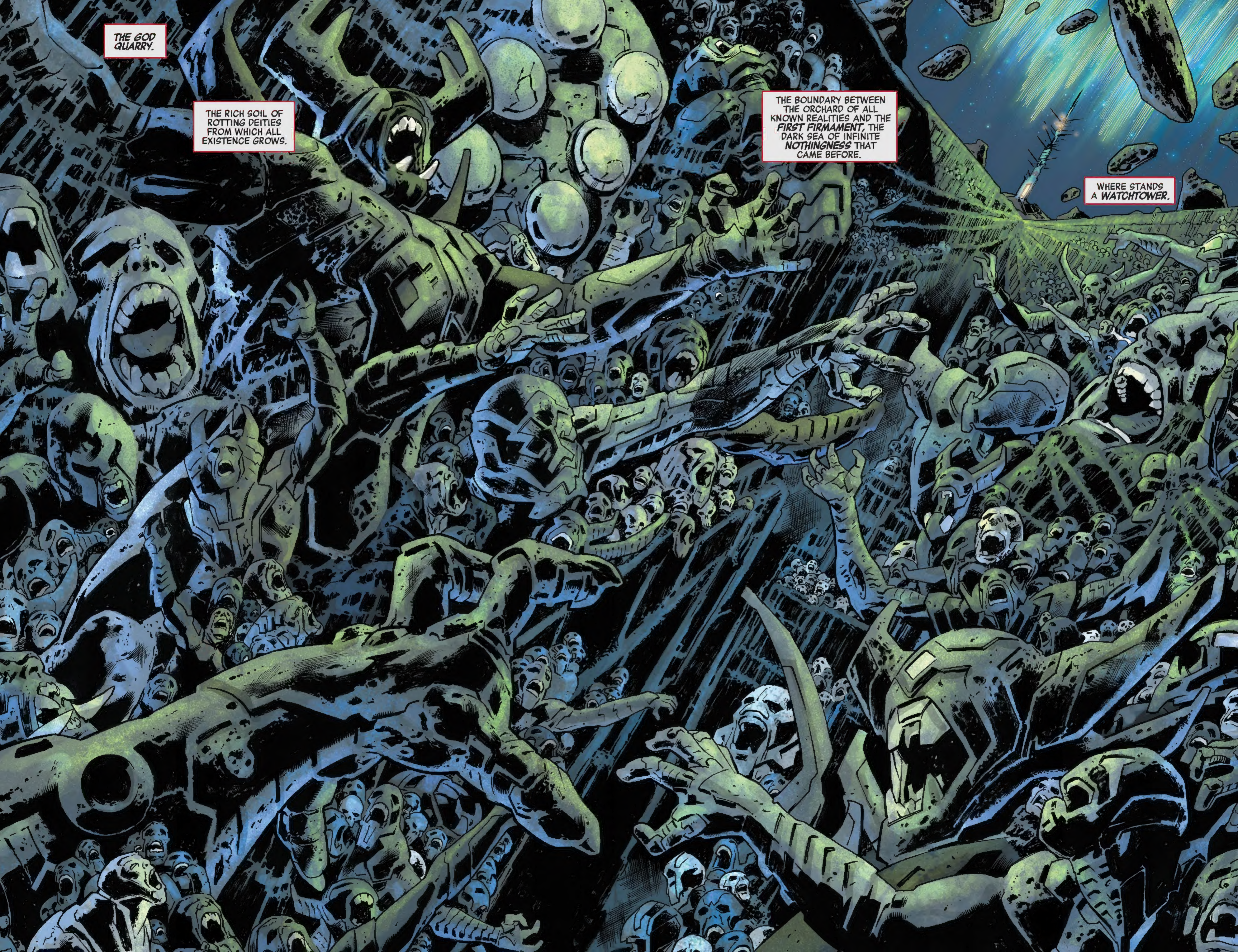
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GHOST GOBLIN



"THE BATTLE A MILLION YEARS IN THE MAKING!" | AVENGERS ASSEMBLE ALPHA

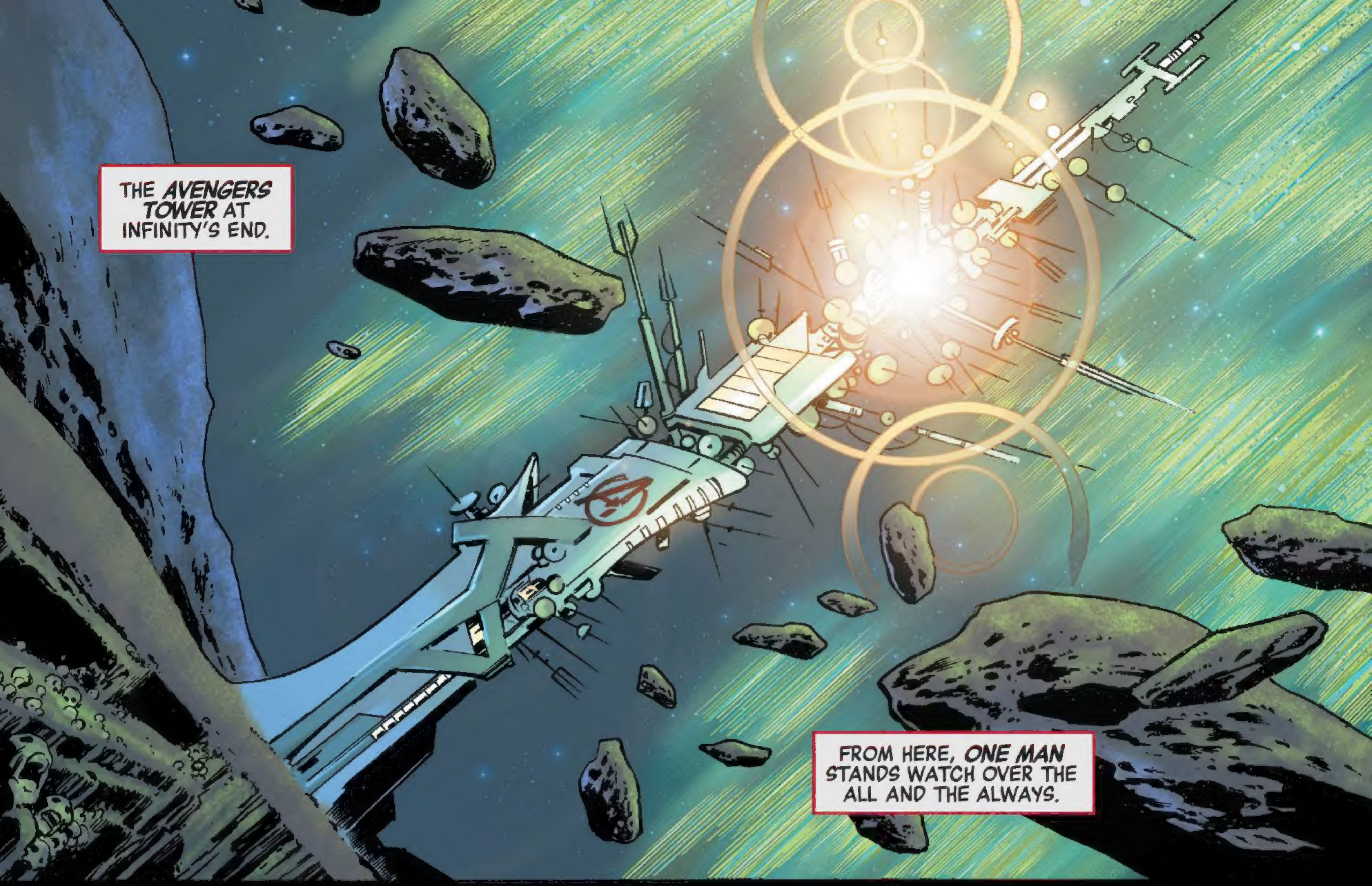


THE GOD
QUARRY.

THE RICH SOIL OF
ROTTING DEITIES
FROM WHICH ALL
EXISTENCE GROWS.

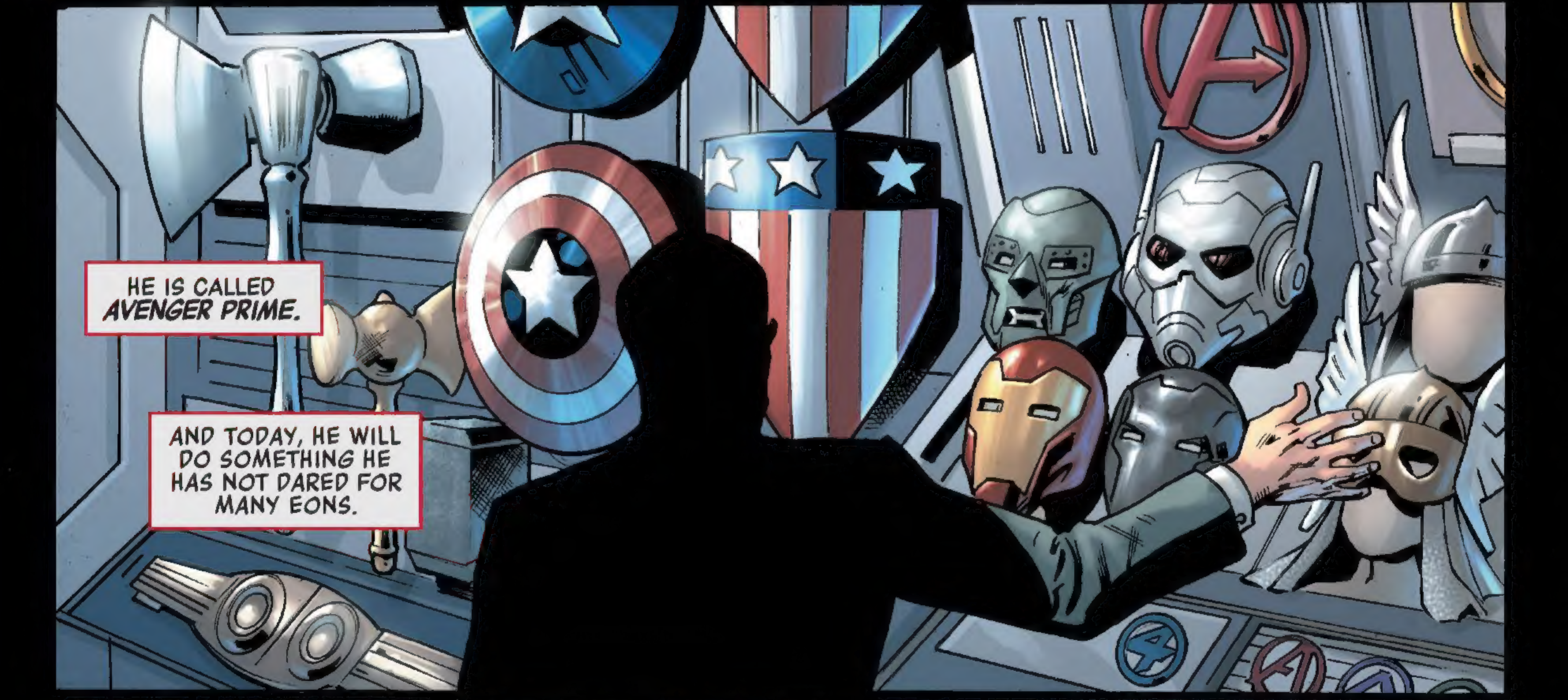
THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN
THE ORCHARD OF ALL
KNOWN REALITIES AND THE
FIRST FIRMAMENT, THE
DARK SEA OF INFINITE
NOTHINGNESS THAT
CAME BEFORE.

WHERE STANDS
A WATCHTOWER.



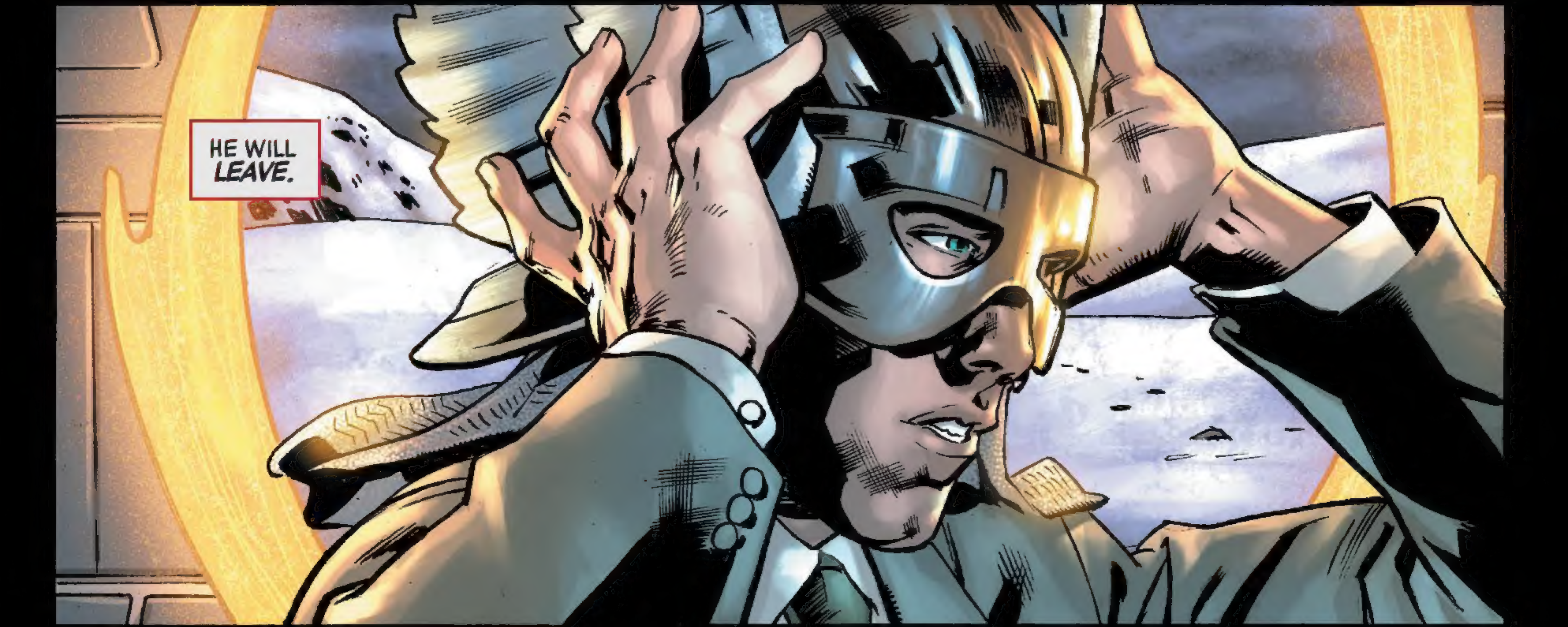
THE AVENGERS
TOWER AT
INFINITY'S END.

FROM HERE, ONE MAN
STANDS WATCH OVER THE
ALL AND THE ALWAYS.



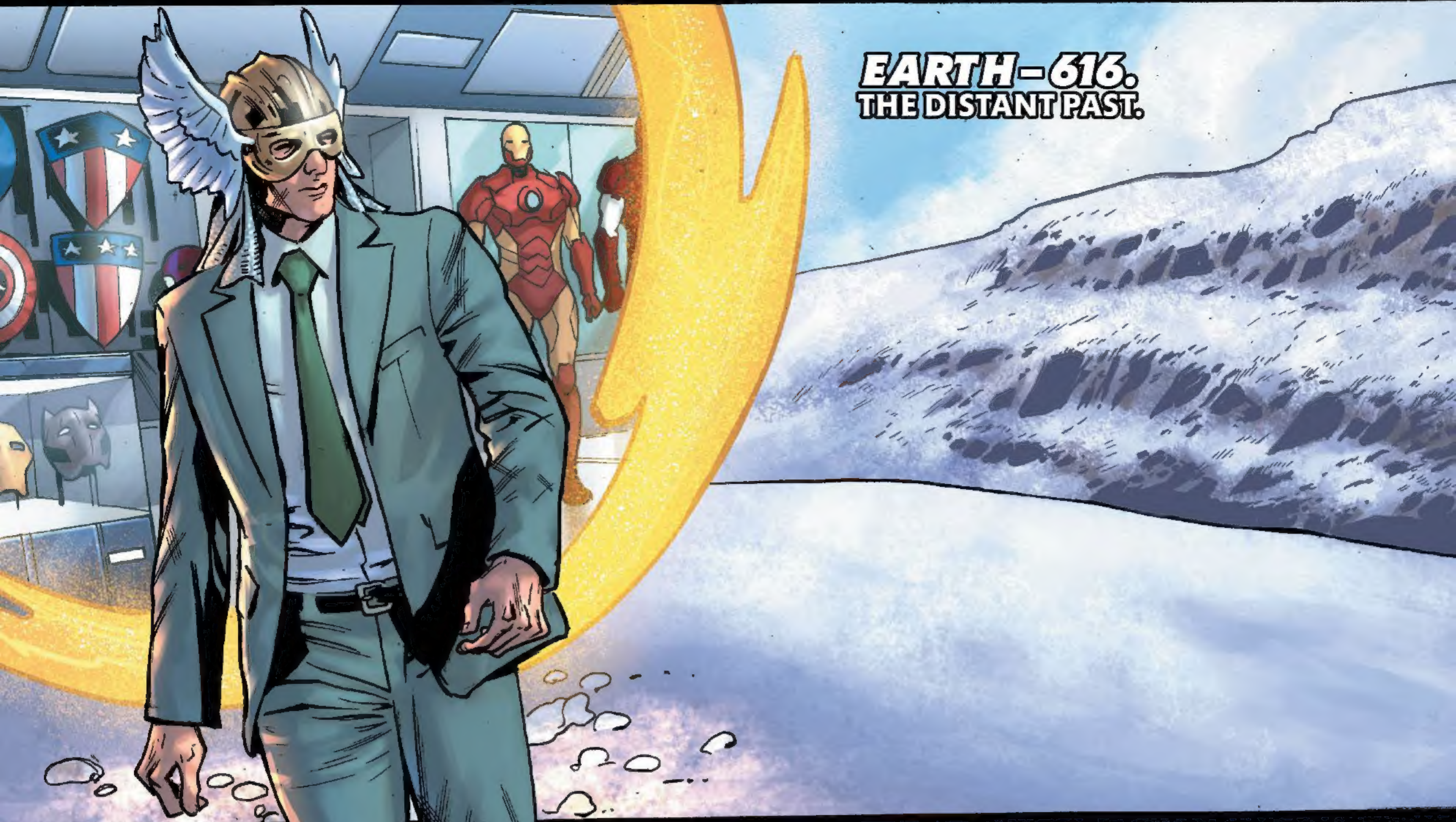
HE IS CALLED
AVENGER PRIME.

AND TODAY, HE WILL
DO SOMETHING HE
HAS NOT DARED FOR
MANY EONS.



HE WILL
LEAVE.

EARTH-616.
THE DISTANT PAST.



WELL, ISN'T
THIS A LOVELY
SURPRISE.

AW,
BUGGER.



THE
ALMIGHTY
AVENGER
PRIME.

HERE,
AMONG
THE INBRED
APE-MEN.

TO WHAT
DOES THIS
PRIMITIVE EARTH OF
MINE OWE SUCH
AN HONOR?



I'M HERE
TO WATCH YOU DO
WHAT YOU DO BEST,
MEPHISTO.

LOSE.

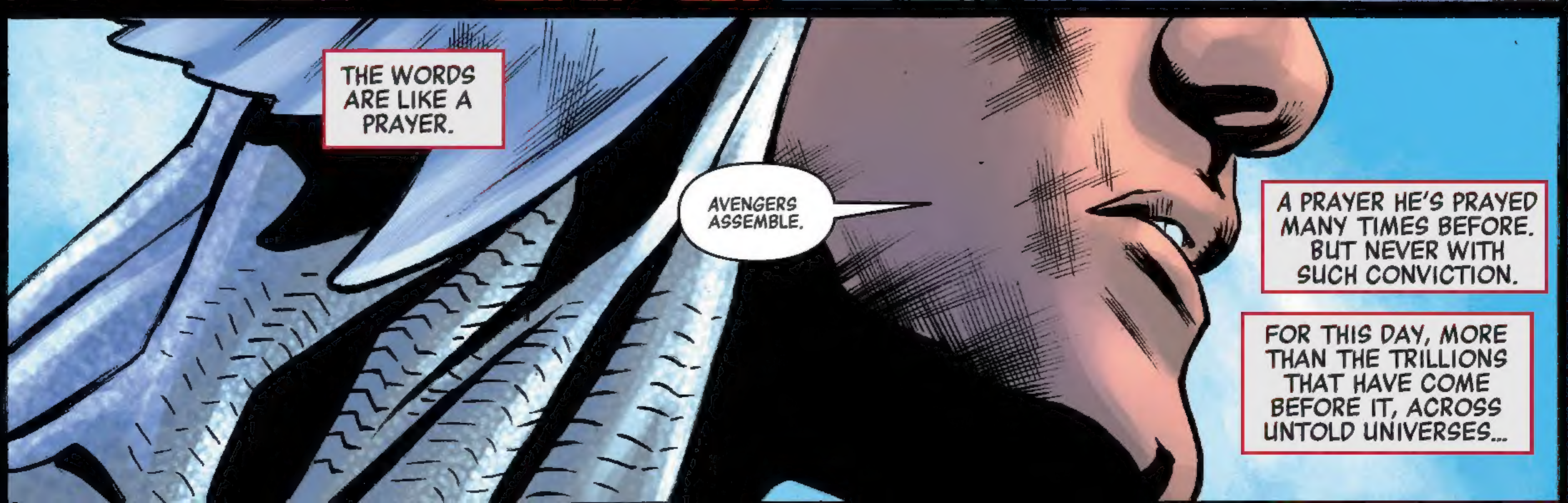
HA. IS
THAT WHAT'S
HAPPENING? ALL
THOSE FRESHLY
BLOOD-DRENCHED
WORLDS ACROSS
THE MULTIVERSE
WOULD SEEM TO SAY
OTHERWISE.



AND HERE
YOU ARE, HAVING
FAILED TO SAVE A SINGLE
ONE, SO DESPERATE YOU
WOULD EVEN LEAVE THE
PROTECTION OF YOUR
VAUNTED TOWER.

MAYBE
YOU'VE FORGOTTEN,
"OLD FRIEND," BUT I'M
PERFECTLY CAPABLE
OF PROTECTING
MYSELF.

AND THOSE
OTHER EARTHS...
THEY WEREN'T **THIS**
ONE. AS YOU'RE
ABOUT TO SEE
FIRSTHAND.



THE WORDS
ARE LIKE A
PRAYER.

AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE.

A PRAYER HE'S PRAYED
MANY TIMES BEFORE.
BUT NEVER WITH
SUCH CONVICTION.

FOR THIS DAY, MORE
THAN THE TRILLIONS
THAT HAVE COME
BEFORE IT, ACROSS
UNTOLD UNIVERSES...

...IS A DAY
UNLIKE ANY
OTHER.

OH...
WOW.

REMEMBER,
DESPITE THEIR
POWERS,
THESE PEOPLE
ARE BASICALLY
CAVEMEN.

WORSE.
ONE OF THEM IS
MY FATHER.

WE'RE
SOMEWHERE IN
THE MIDST OF THE
PLEISTOCENE EPOCH.
**THE STONE
AGE.**

WE'RE
THOUSANDS OF
YEARS FROM OUR EARLY
ANCESTORS DEVELOPING
THE CAPACITY FOR
LANGUAGE, SO
DON'T EXPECT--

AVENGERS.
WE'VE BEEN
EXPECTING
YOU.

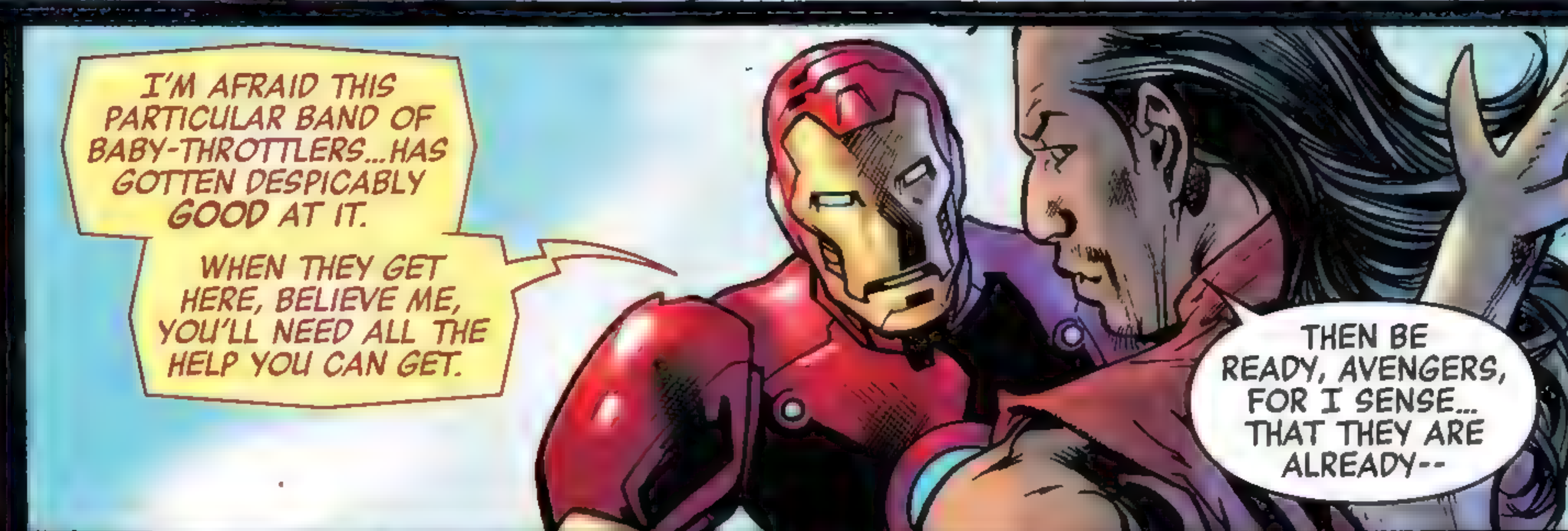




I HOPE
YOU'VE COME
ALL THIS WAY
READY FOR A
FIGHT.

DARE I
SAY...

...THE
GREATEST
FIGHT OF YOUR
LIVES.





GAAGH!



RRRRGGH!!!

BY NEPTUNE'S TRIDENT, SUCH--



UUUGH!



THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT, BIG FELLA!



GRRGH!
'TIS LIKE A
CAVEMAN
VERSION OF
THE HULK!

HRRGGGH!!!

WORSE! HE'S
A *STARBRAND*!
SO HE'S LIKE IF THE
HULK COULD
ALSO--



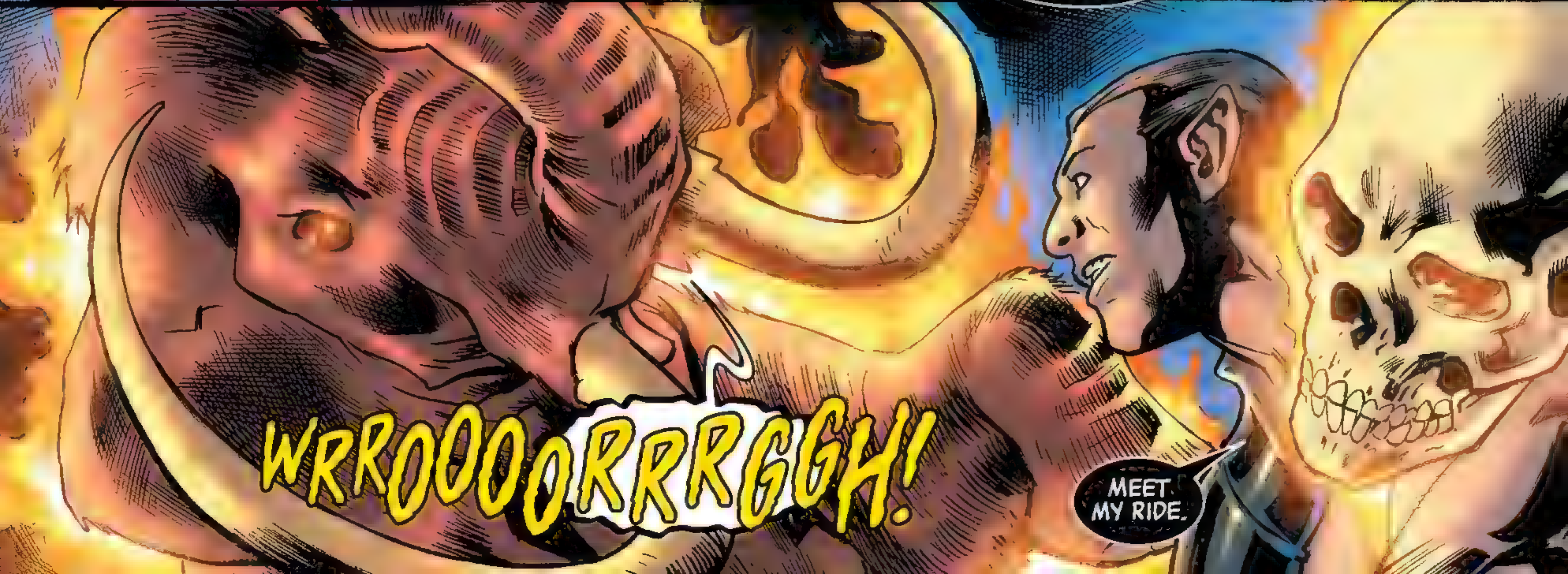
VERILY, I
HAVE HAD ENOUGH
OF THE PHOENIX!
EVER DO YOU BLAZING
WENCHES VEX
ME!

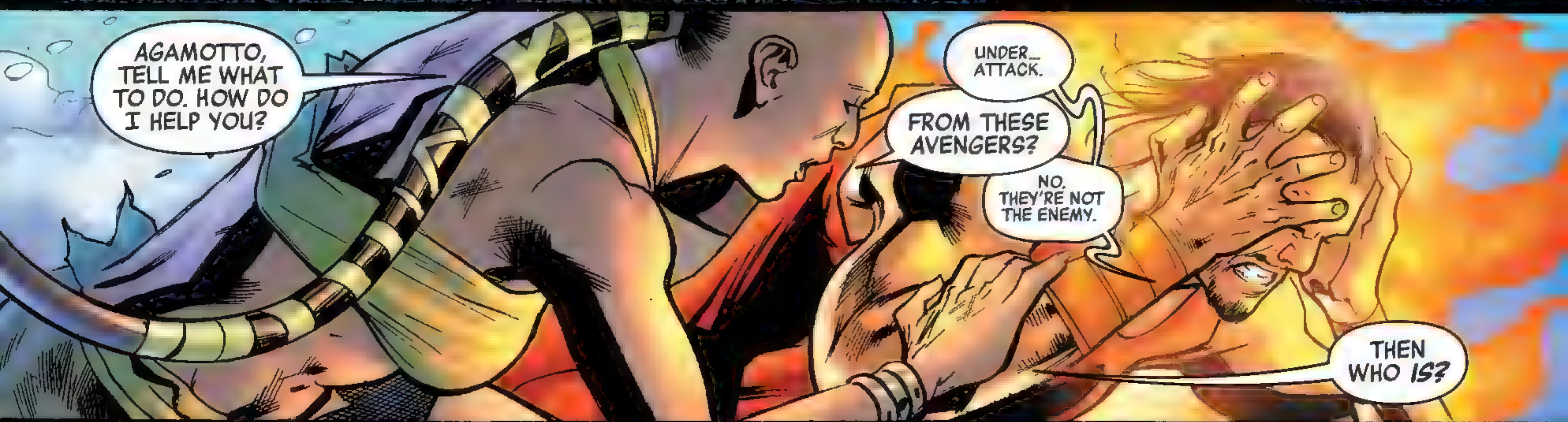


DID
SOMEBODY
SAY "VEXING
THE ALL-
FATHER"?



THAT'S
MY JOB!







AH, IT'S BEEN SUCH A HOOT CATCHING UP, OLD BUDDY, BUT NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...

...I SHOULD PROBABLY GET TO KILLING YOU.



DREAM ON, MEPHISTO. YOU'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO FACE ME ONE-ON-ONE.

AND REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS HERE TODAY, THE ARMY I'VE ASSEMBLED IS GREATER THAN ANYTHING YOU COULD POSSIBLY IMAGINE.

YOU'RE DONE.



HRRK. YOU MAKE... A COMPELLING ARGUMENT.

BUT WHO SAID... ANYTHING ABOUT...

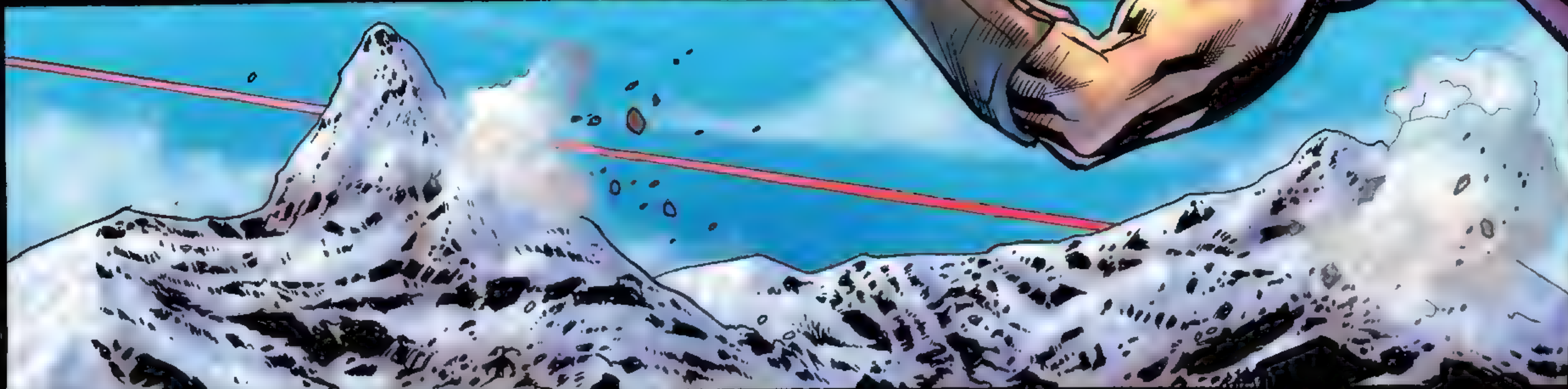
...ONE-ON-ONE?



HRRAAGGH!!!

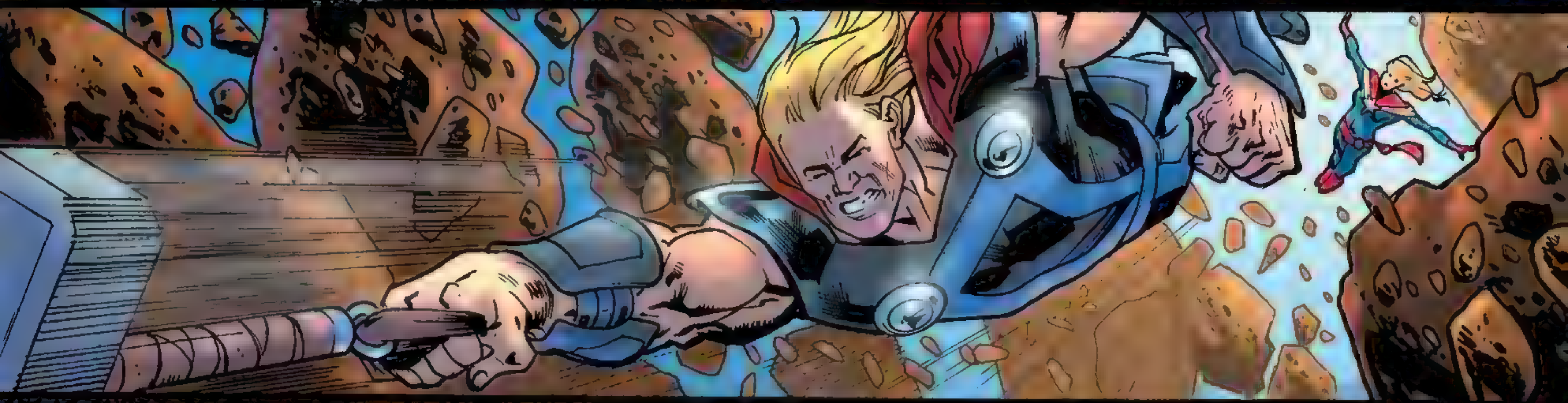
THUNK







IT WOULD
APPEAR
THE BEAST
CONCURS.



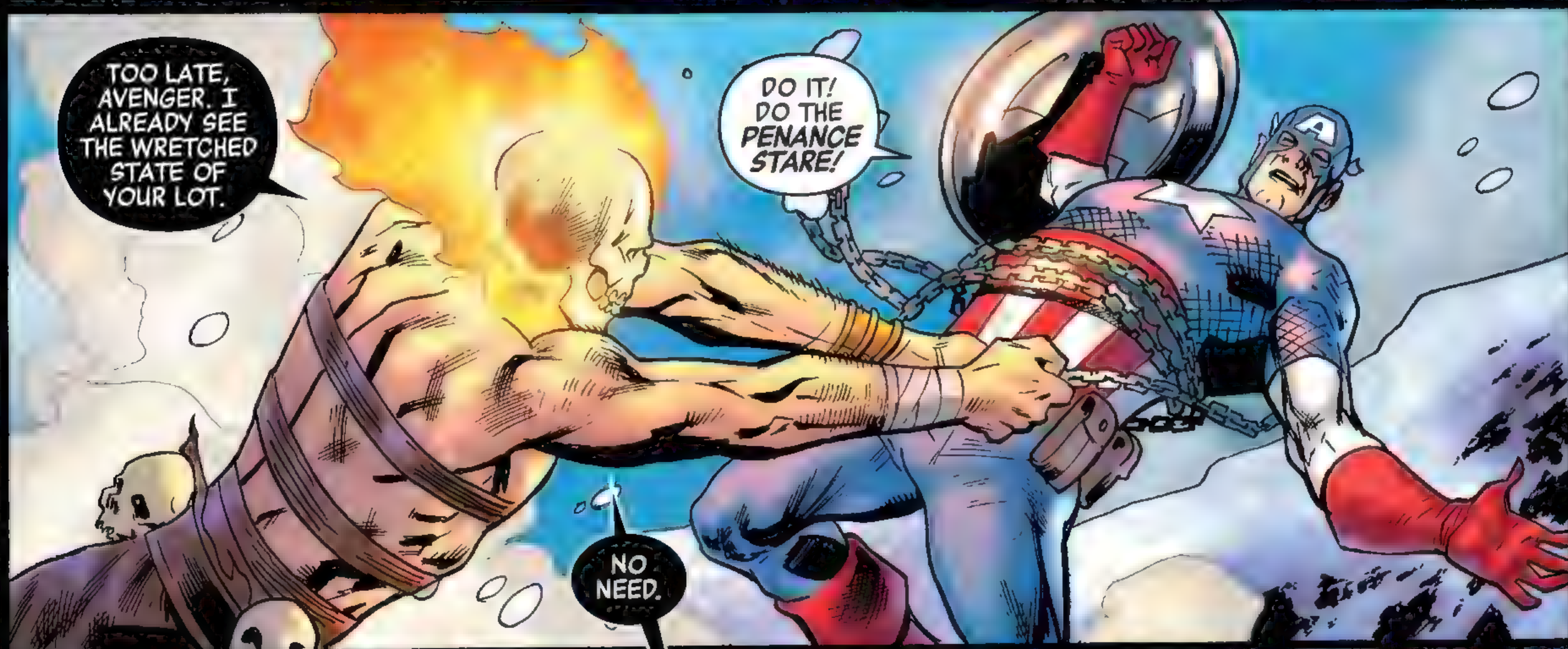
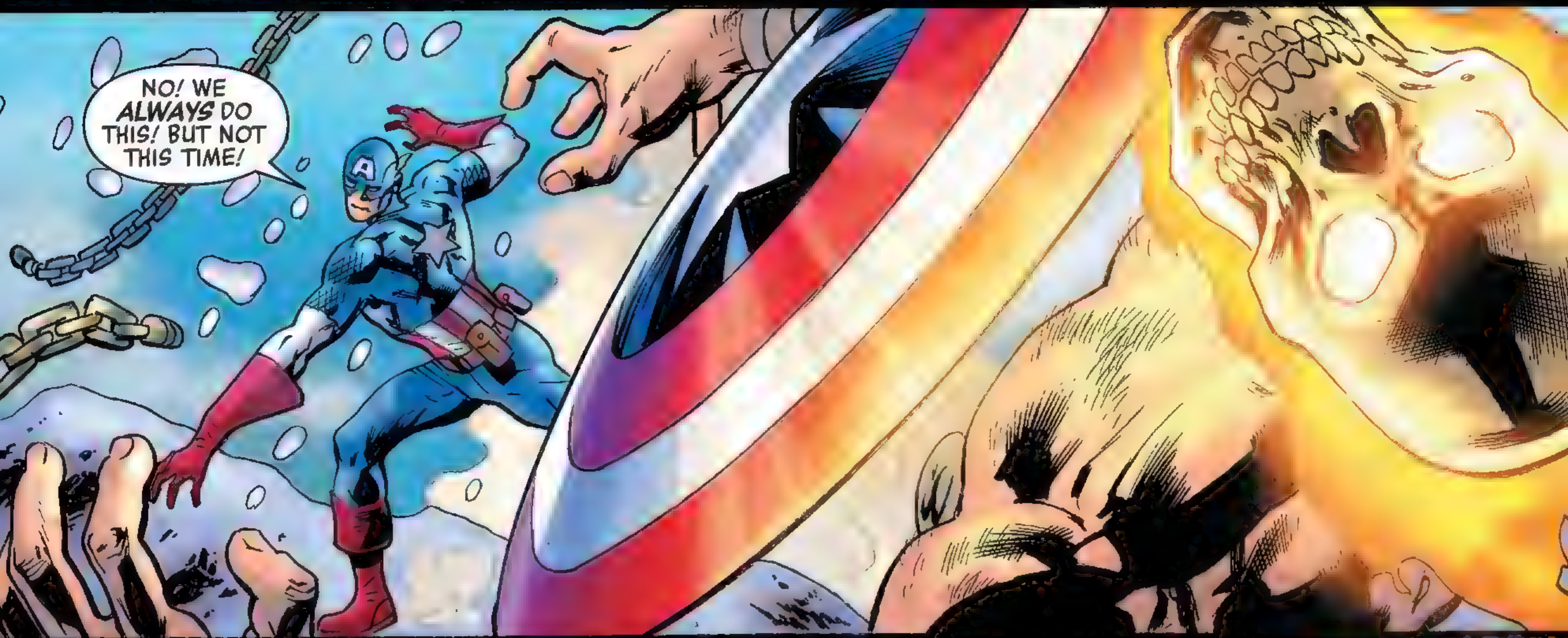
FEELS LIKE
WE JUST DEFACED A
GOOD CHUNK OF OUR
PREHISTORIC PLANET. WHAT
HAPPENED TO NOT STEPPING
ON *BUTTERFLIES* WHILE
TIME-TRAVELING?

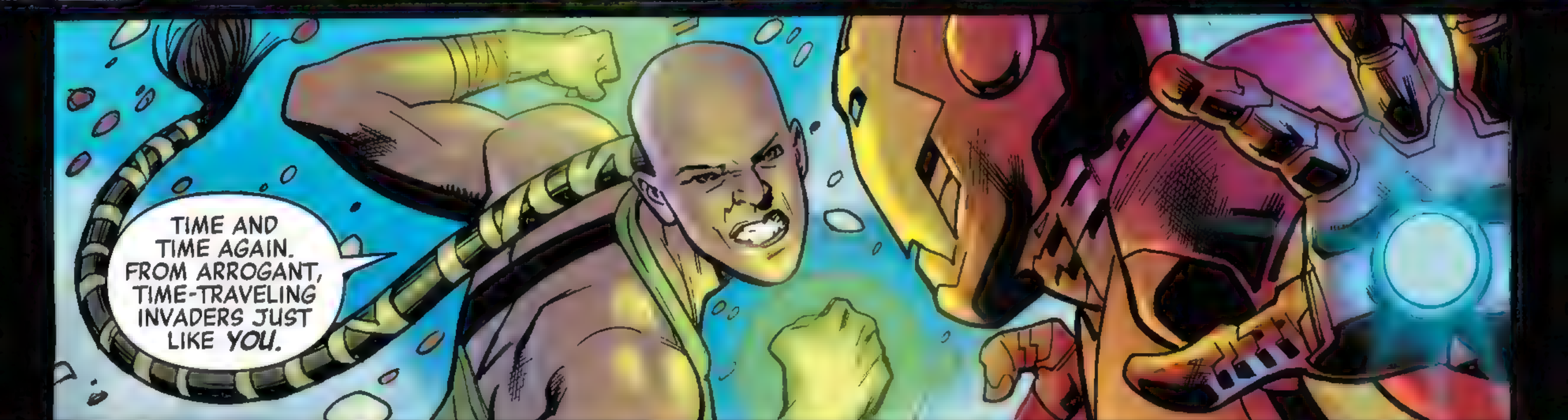
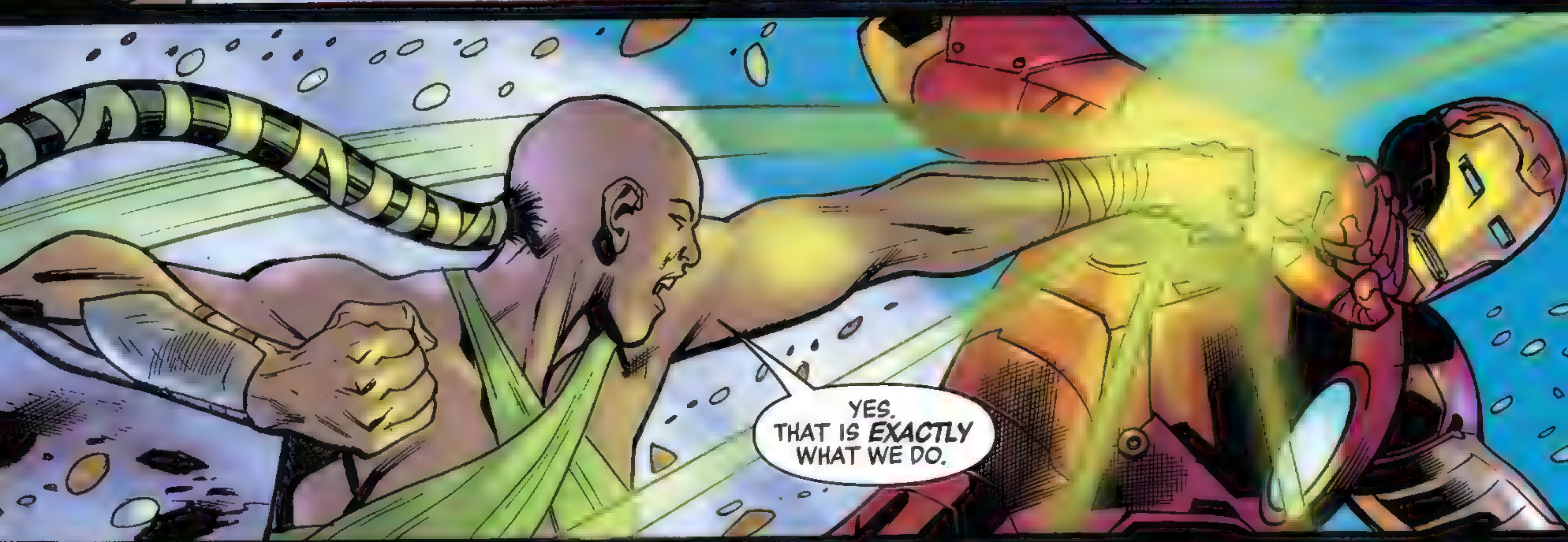
NO BUTTERFLY
EVER ATTEMPTED
TO TEAR MY FACE
FROM THE BONE AS
HE JUST DID.

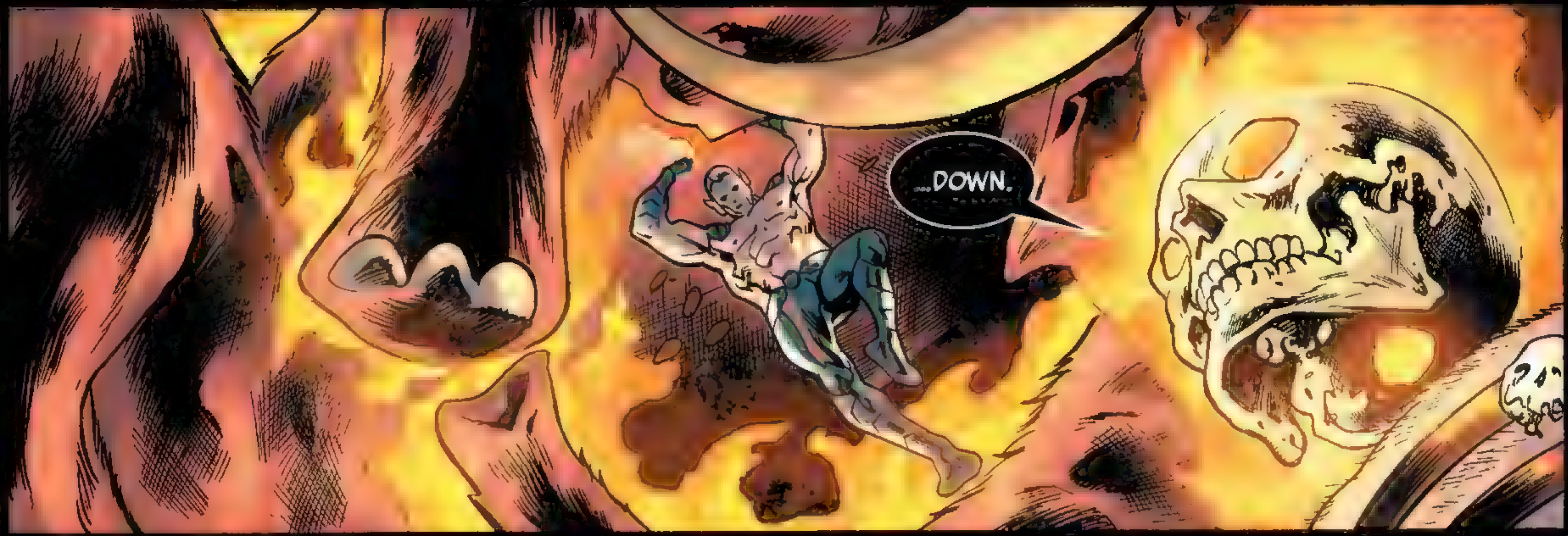
WE'RE
WASTING TIME
WHEN THIS WORLD
IS IN DANGER
FROM...

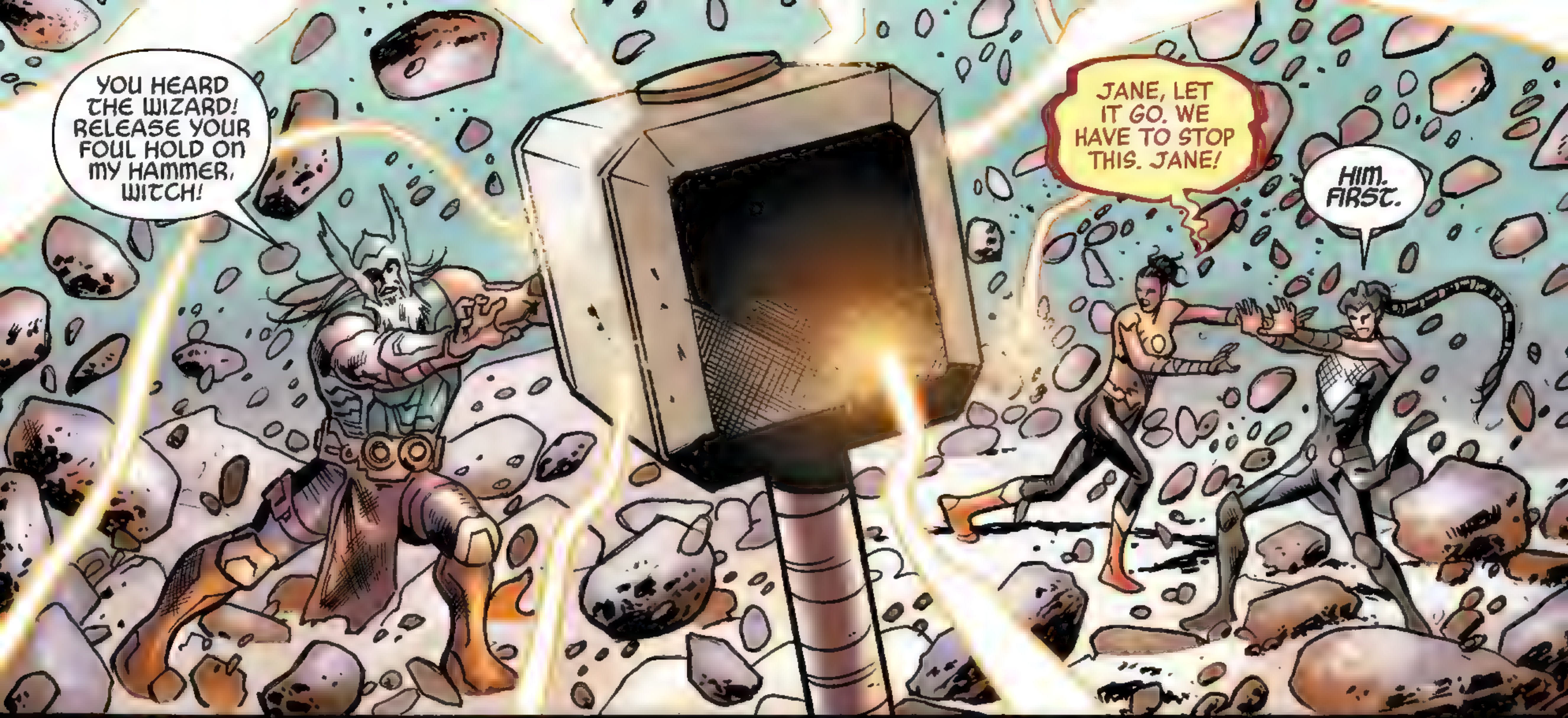












YOU HEARD
THE WIZARD!
RELEASE YOUR
FOUL HOLD ON
MY HAMMER,
WITCH!

JANE, LET
IT GO. WE
HAVE TO STOP
THIS. JANE!

HIM.
FIRST.

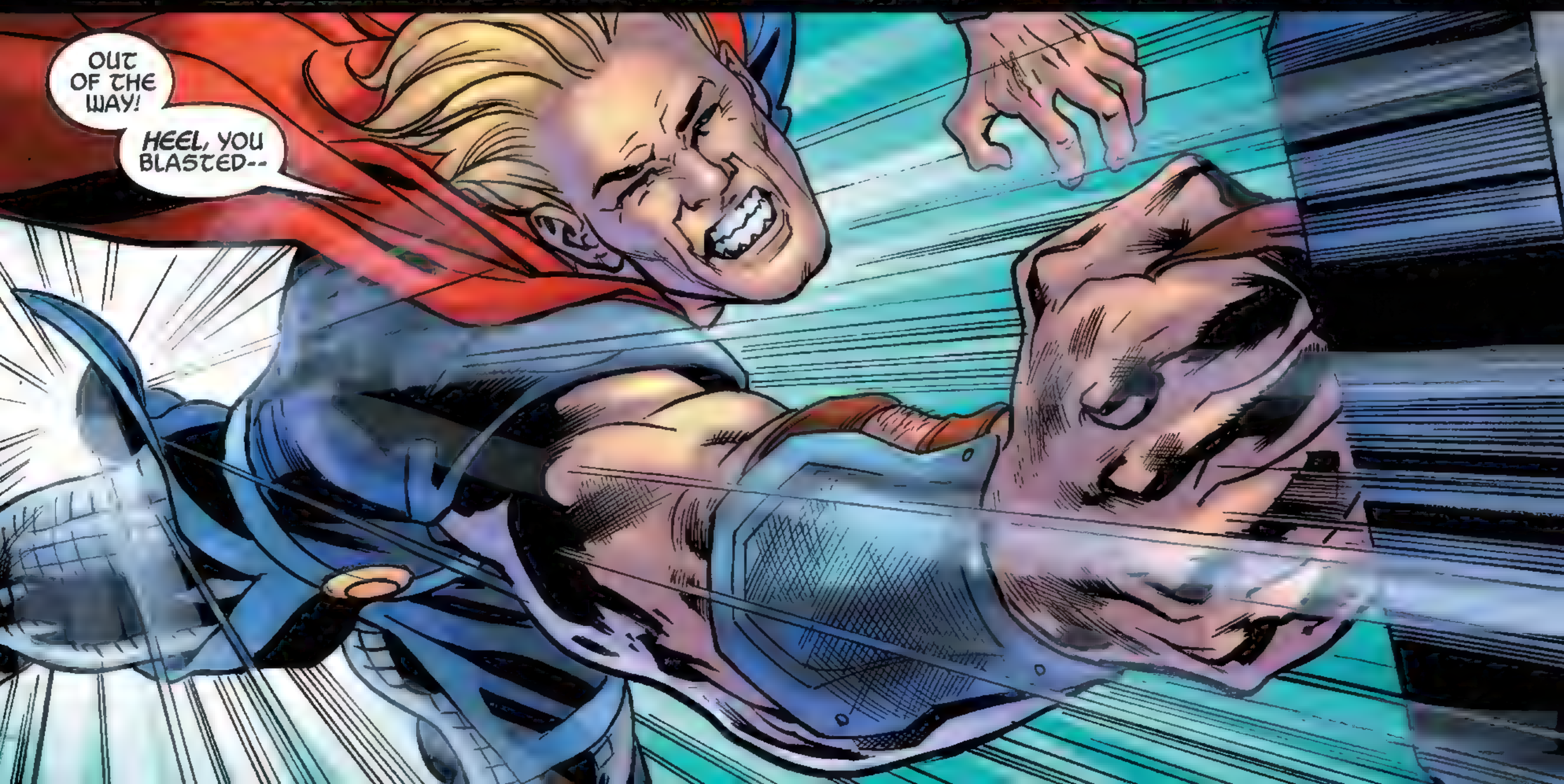


OUR ENEMIES HAVE ALREADY
COME. AND WE MUST **STAND
TOGETHER** TO HAVE ANY
HOPE OF--

INCOMING!

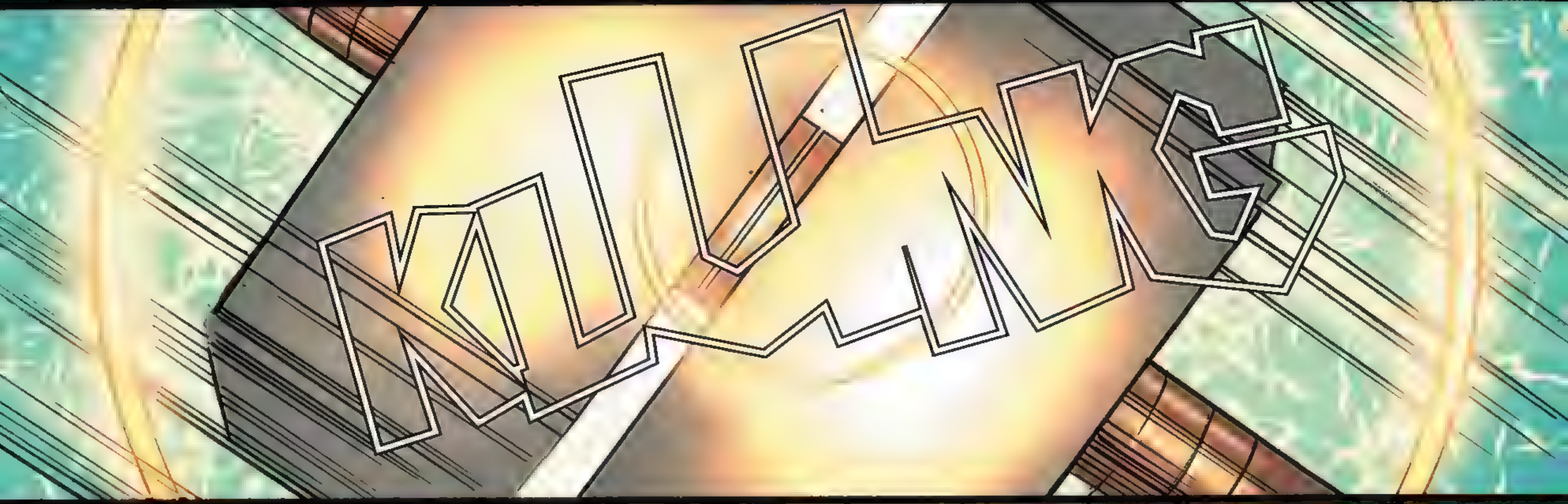


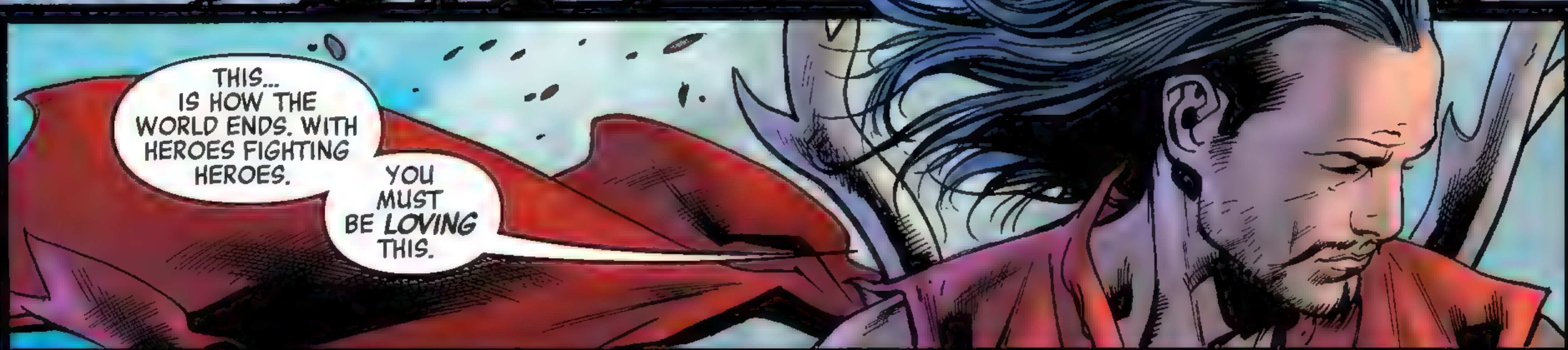
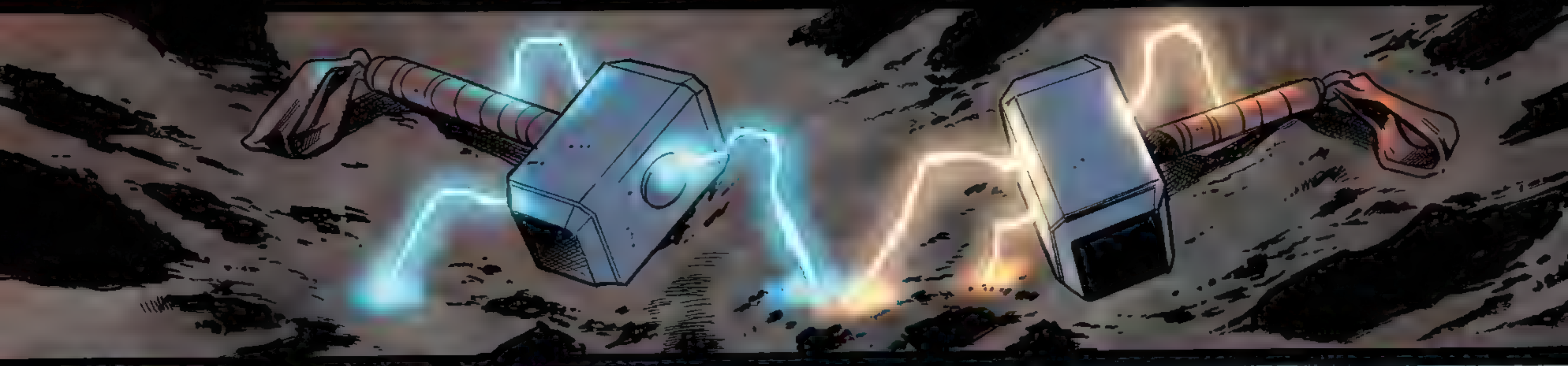
HA! THE
HAMMER KNOWS
THE CALL OF ITS MASTER!
NOW PREPARE TO FEEL
THE AWESOME MIGHT
OF THE SMASHER
OF--



OUT
OF THE
WAY!

HEEL, YOU
BLASTED--





THIS...
IS HOW THE
WORLD ENDS. WITH
HEROES FIGHTING
HEROES.

YOU
MUST
BE **LOVING**
THIS.



IF YOU
BELIEVE ME CAPABLE
OF SUCH AN EMOTION,
THEN YOU, YOU CHEAP
CONJURER...



...KNOW
NOTHING OF
DOOM.



I KNOW
YOU RUIN WORLDS!
ENSLAVE YOUR OWN
ALTERNATE SELVES!
CALL YOURSELF **DOOM**
SUPREME, THE DOOM
ABOVE ALL!

I KNOW
THAT YOU DESERVE
TO DIE A THOUSAND
DEATHS! STARTING
WITH **THIS**
ONE!



DO YOU
KNOW HOW MANY
SORCERERS SUPREME
I'VE PLAYED AND MINCED?
ACROSS COUNTLESS
WORLDS?



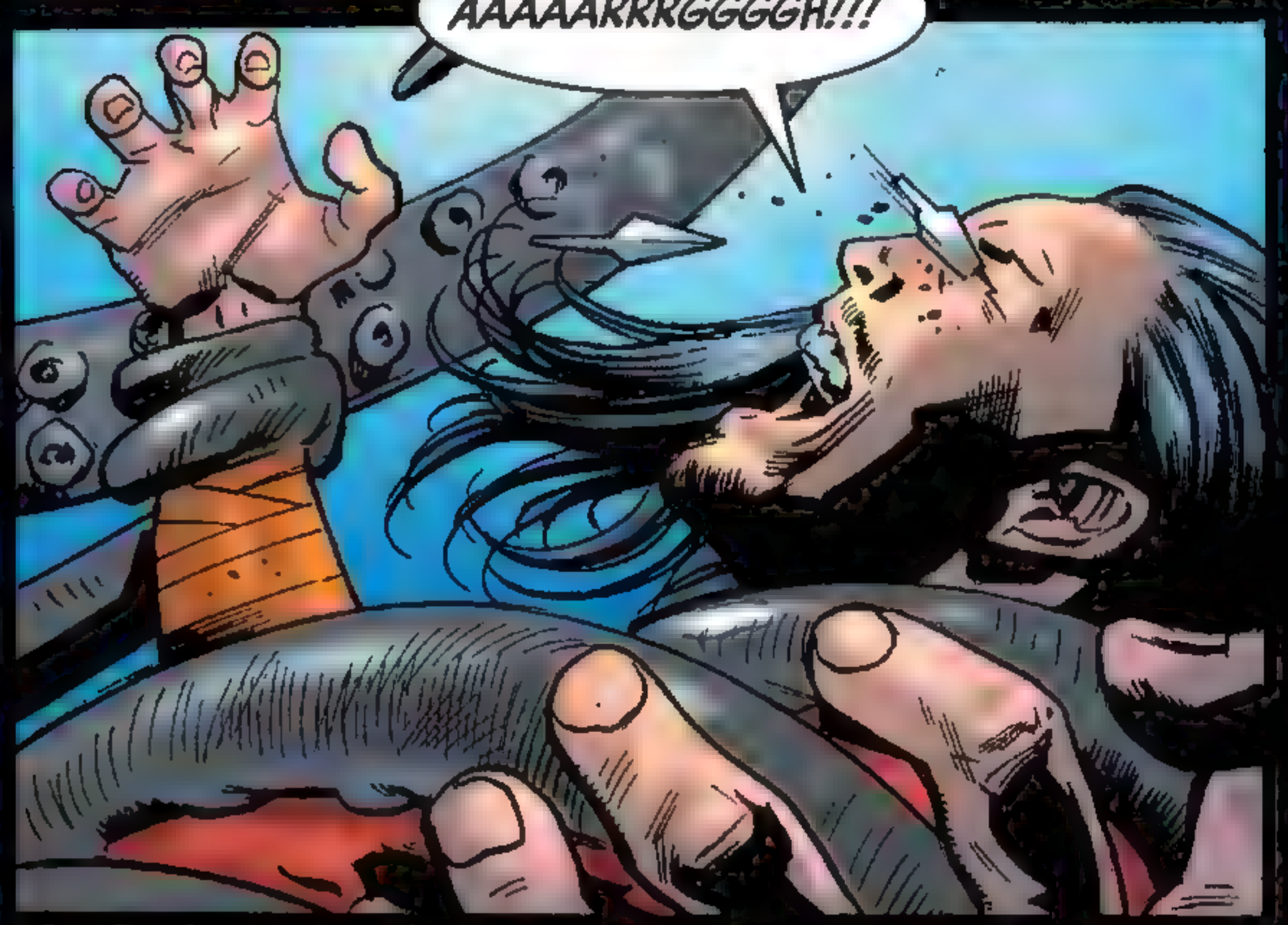
NEITHER
DO I.

IF IT'S
A **STRANGE**,
I LIKE TO TAKE
THEIR **HANDS**,
ONE GNARLED
FINGER AT A
TIME.

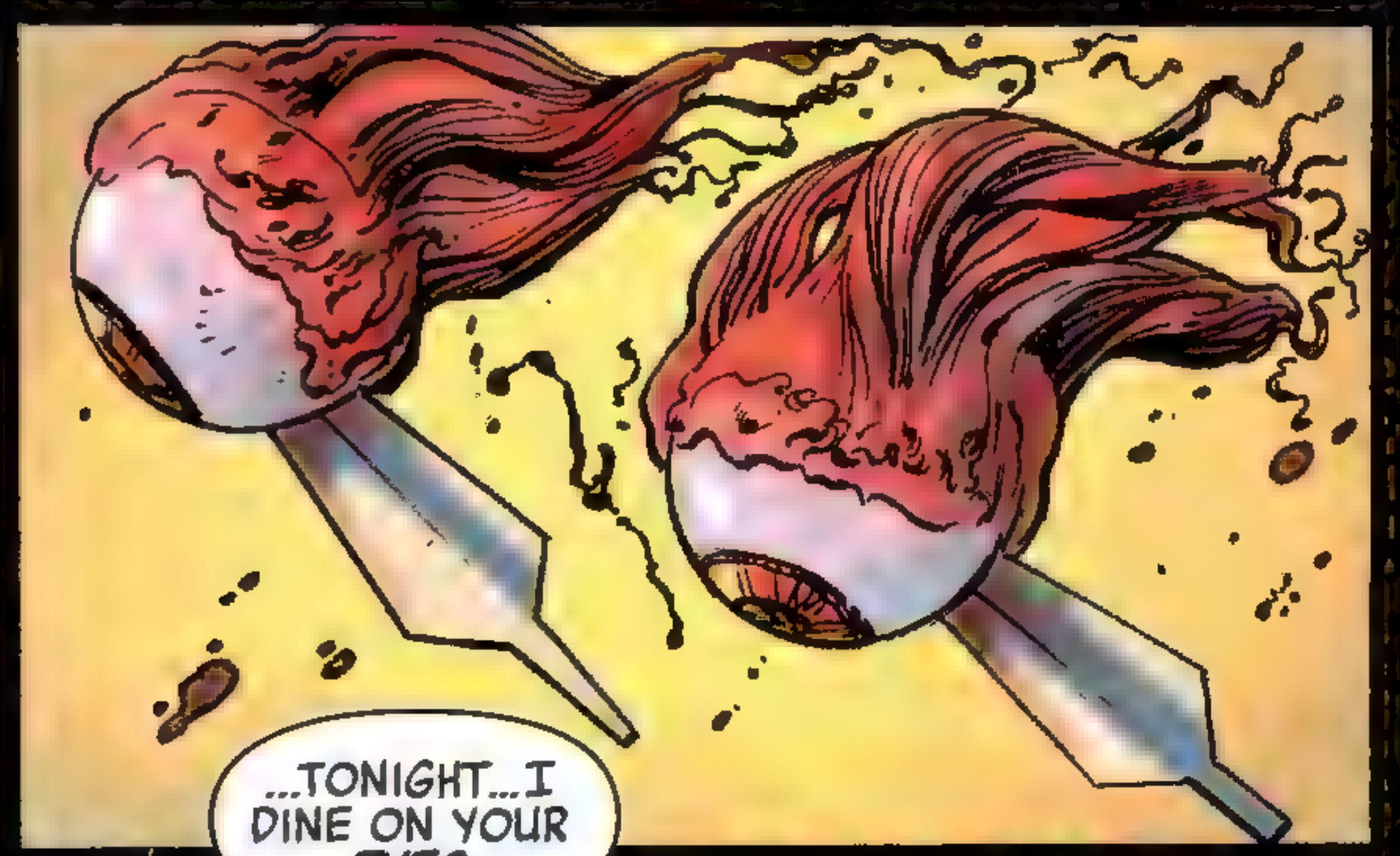
A
CLEA, THE
HEART.



BUT YOU'RE
AN **AGAMOTTO**,
WHICH MEANS...



AAAAARRRRGGGGH!!!



...TONIGHT...I
DINE ON YOUR
EYES.

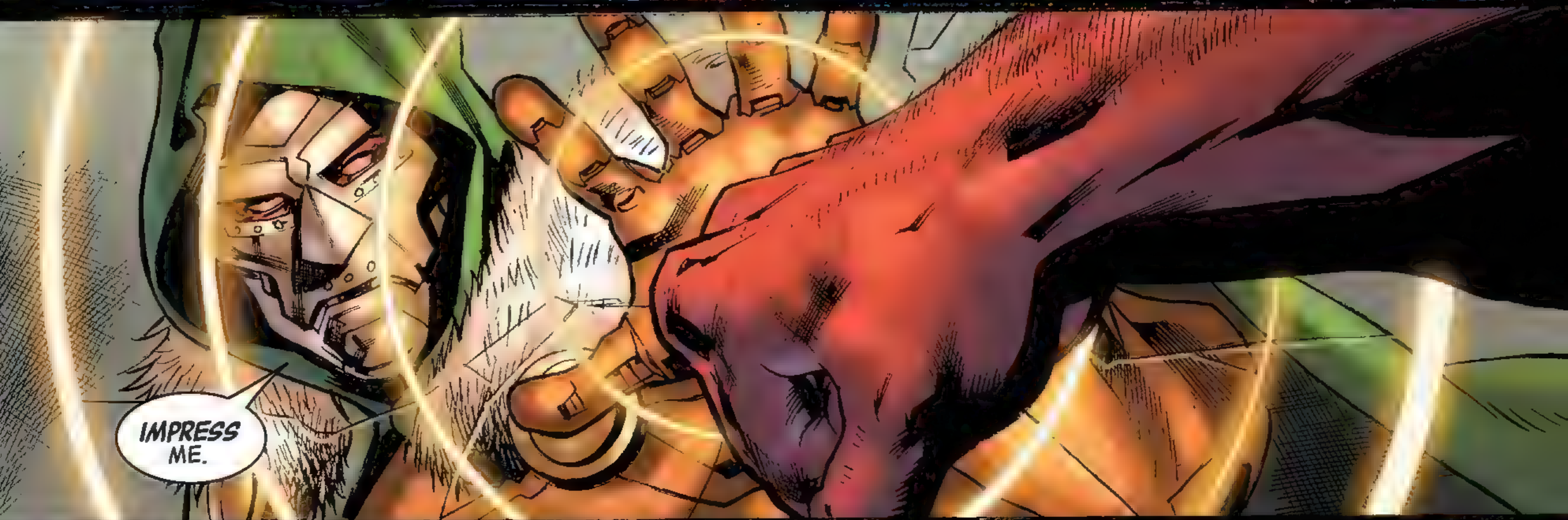


AND THEN...
YOUR **WORLD**
ENTIRE.

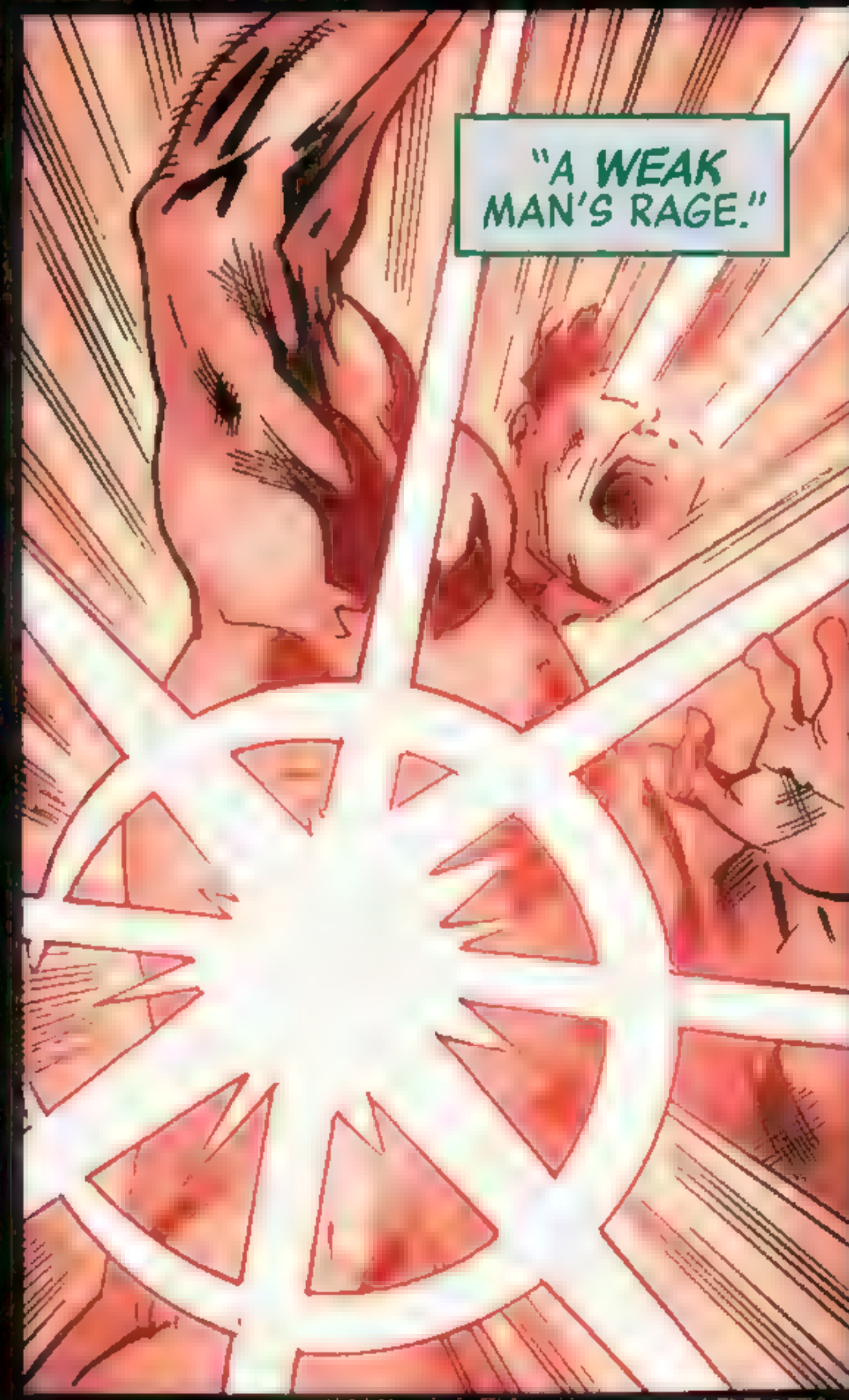
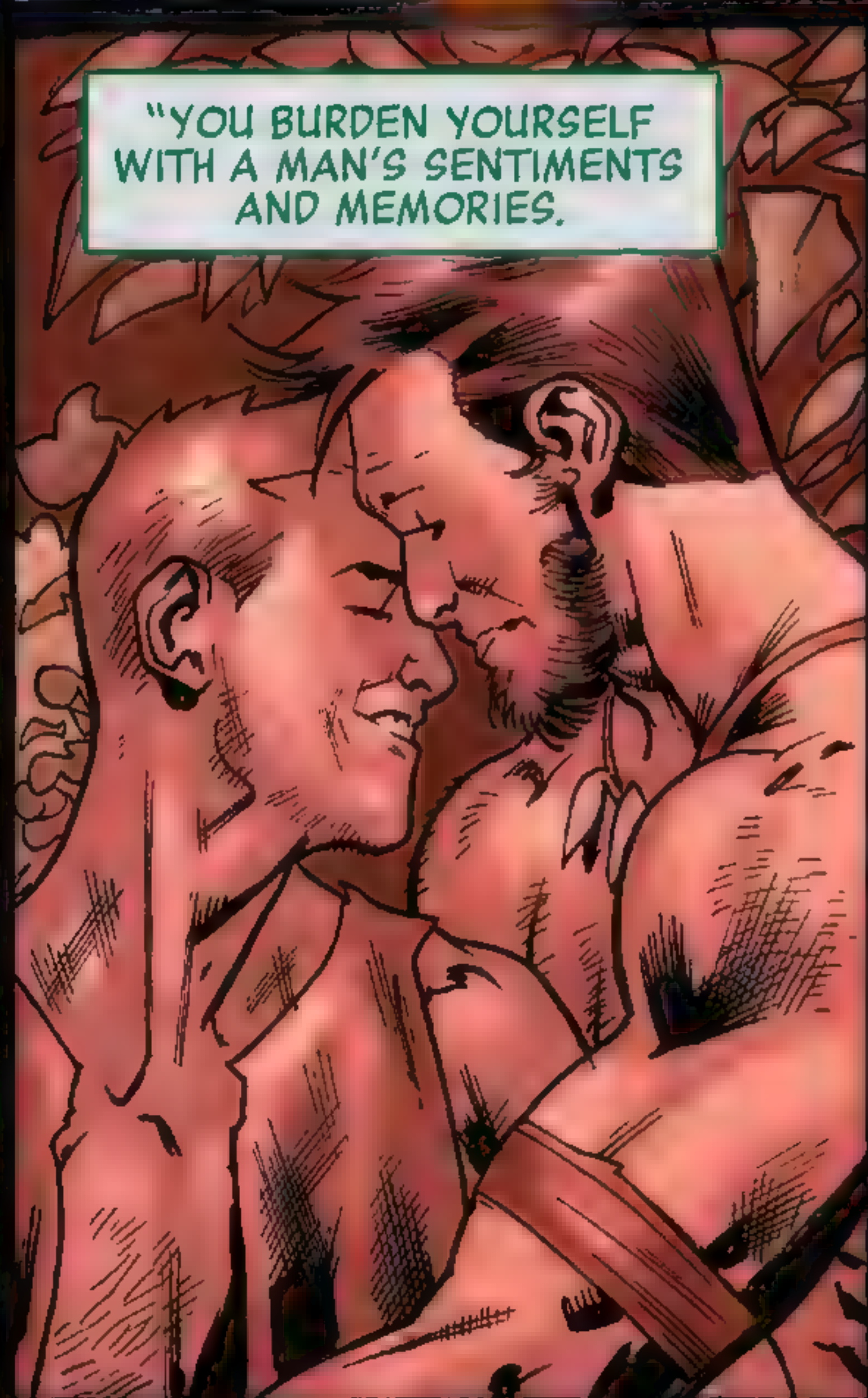
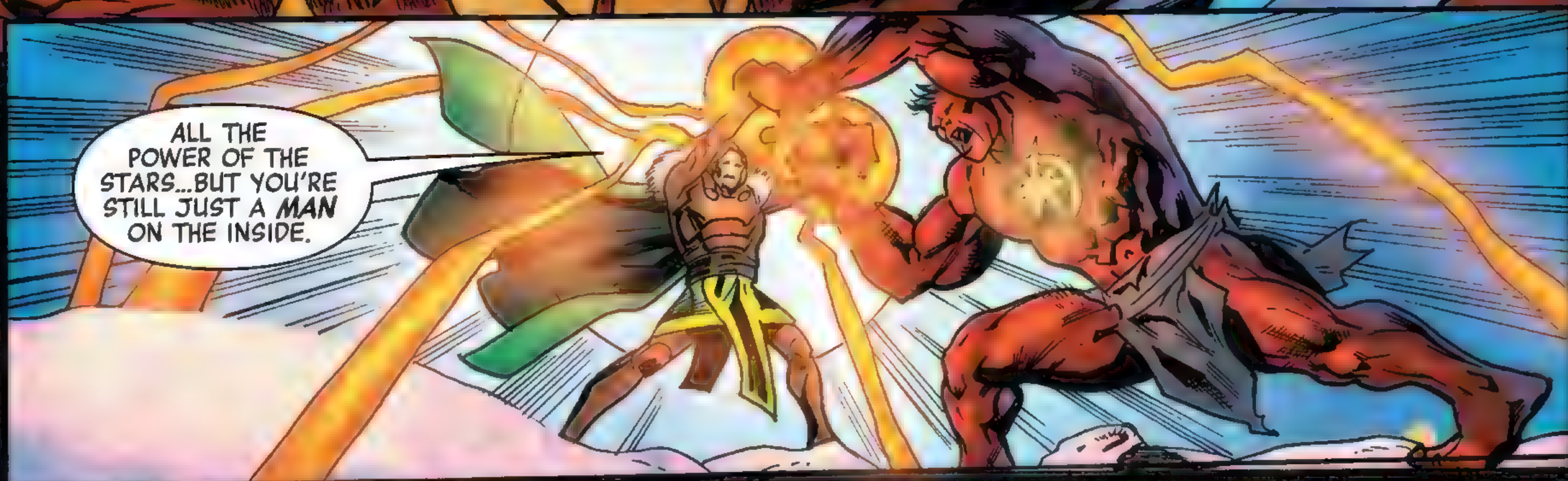
HMM.
WHAT HAVE
WE HERE?

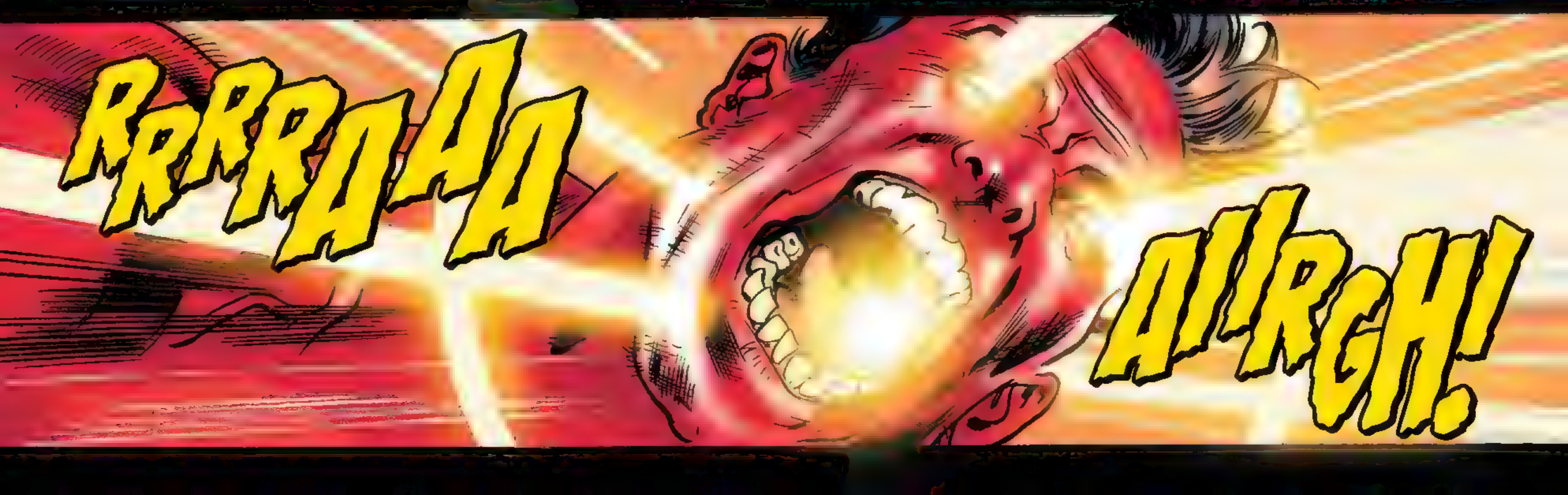
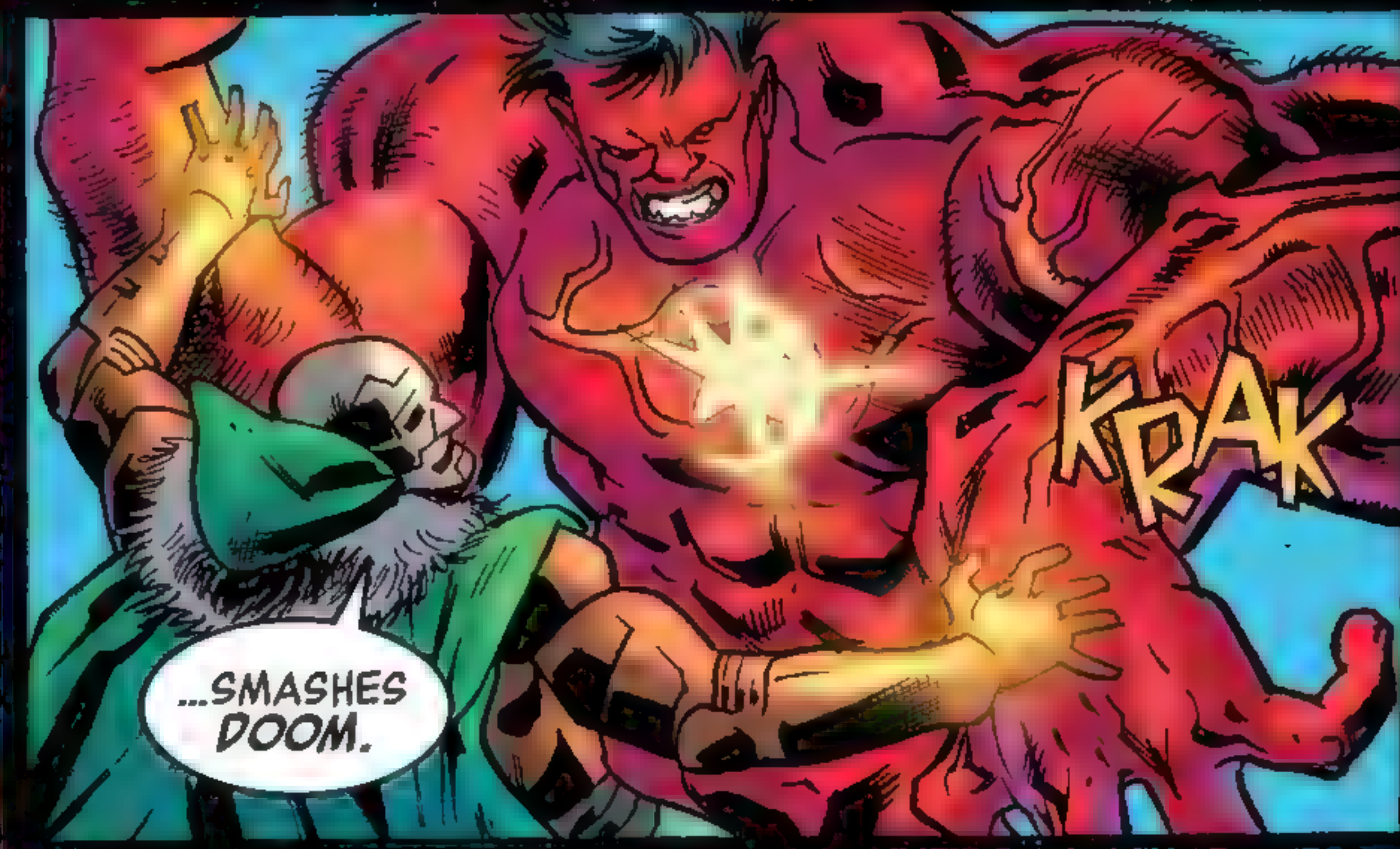
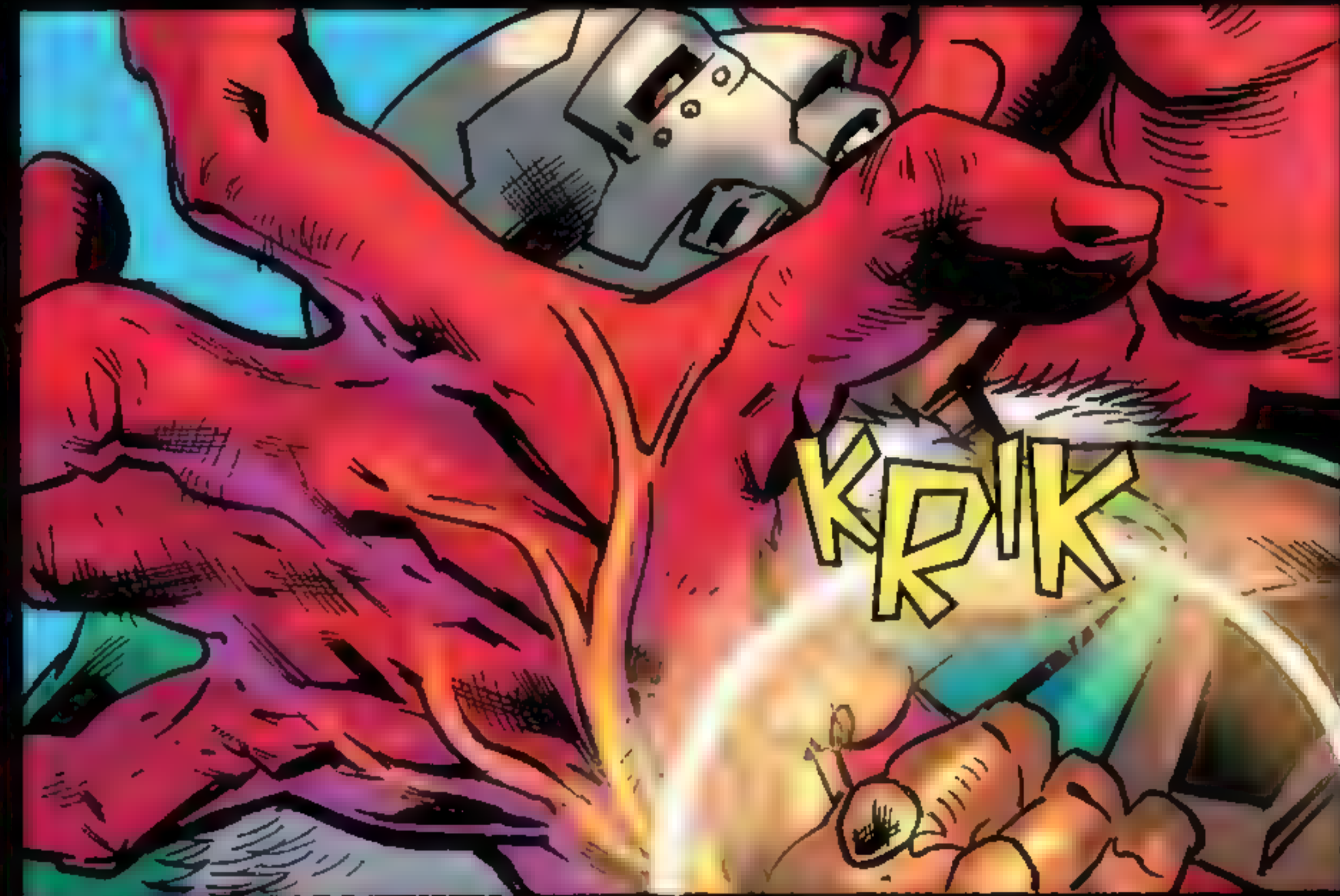
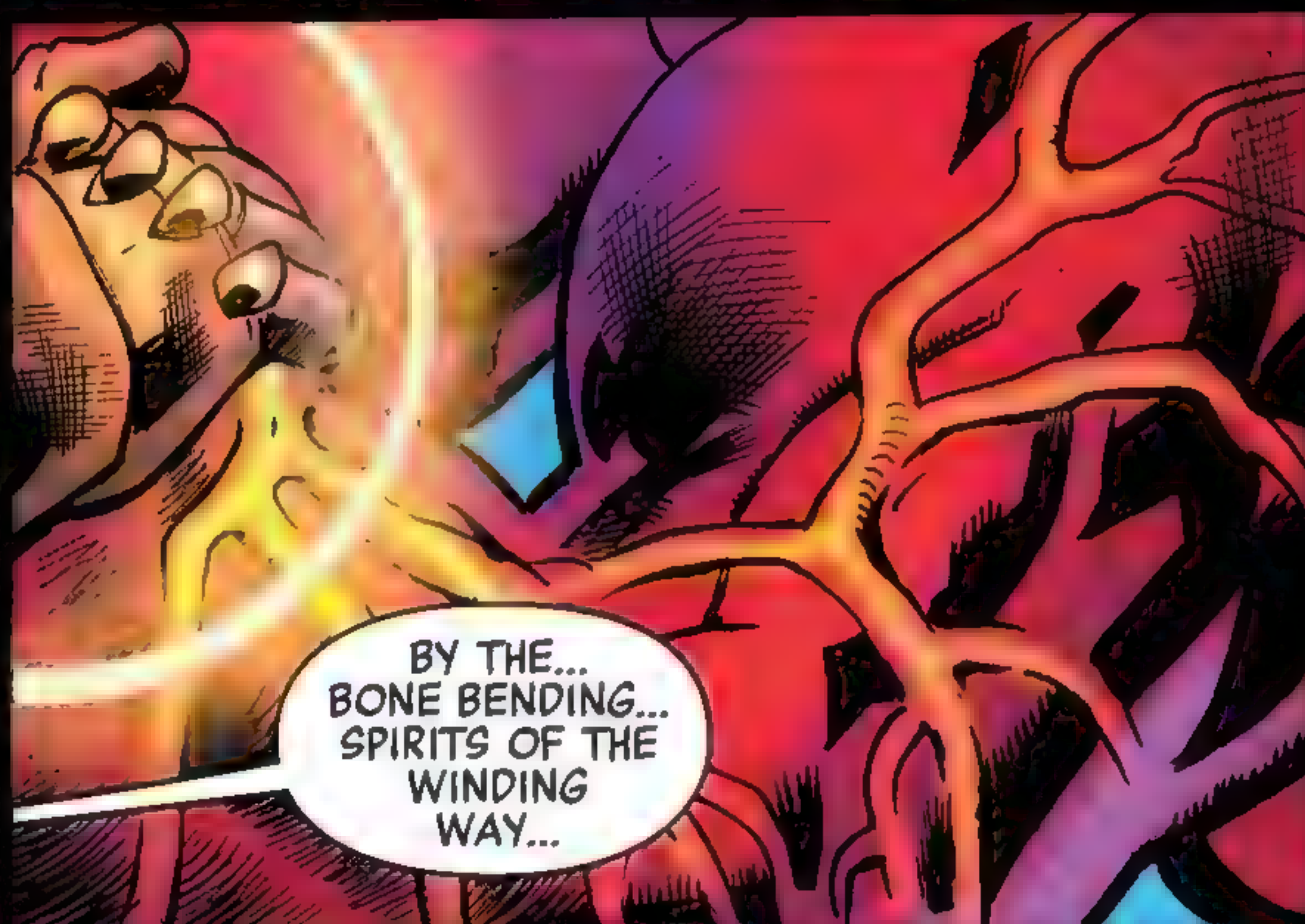
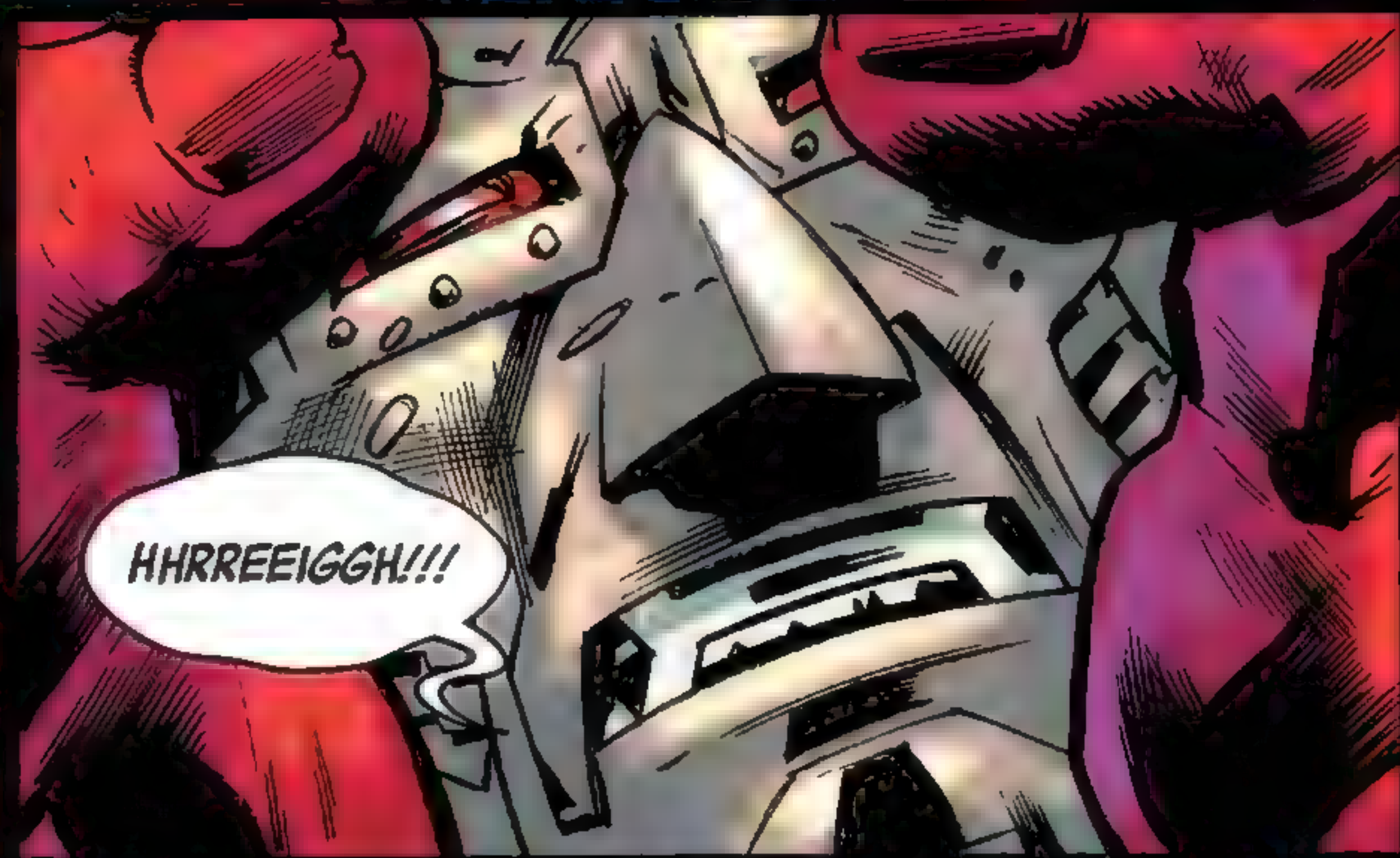


GRRR.



IMPRESS ME.







SO...CAN WE AT LEAST AGREE THAT WE'RE DONE FIGHTING EACH OTHER?



DOOM... DOOM IS HERE.

MY GOD, AGAMOTTO, YOUR EYES...

WHAT HAS HAPPENED? WHO ARE WE MISSING? WHERE'S THE STARBRAND?

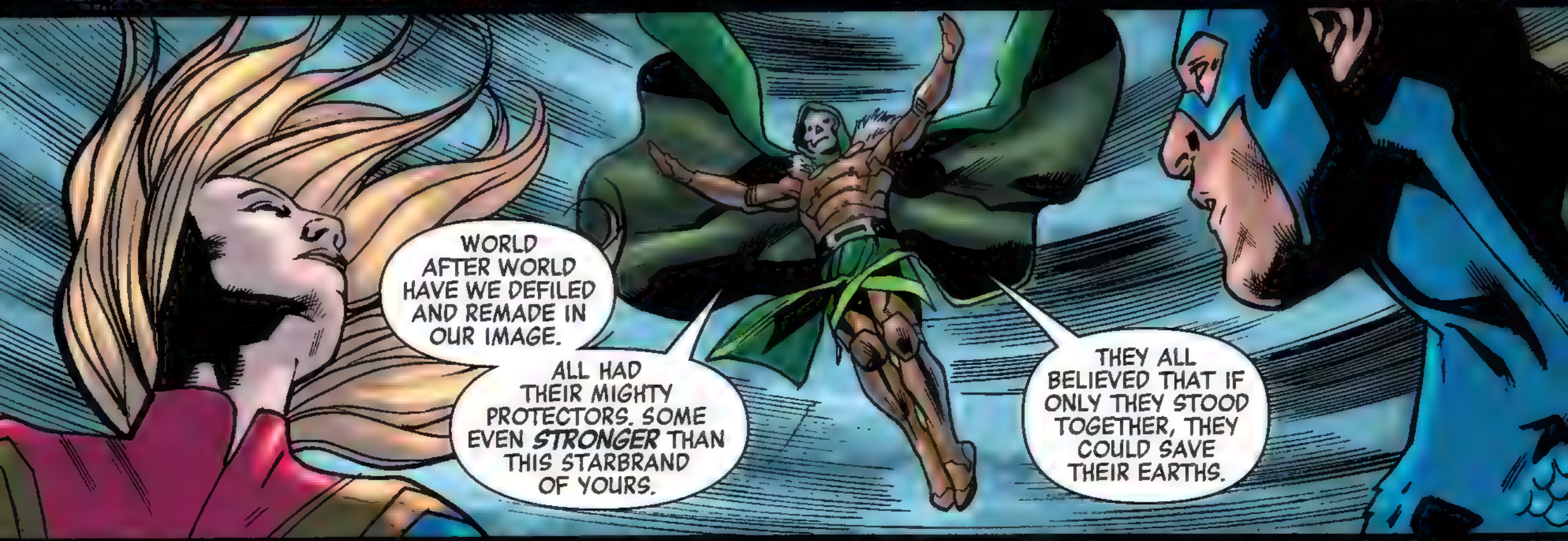


THRM THRM

SPLTCH



=WHIMPER=



WORLD AFTER WORLD HAVE WE DEFILED AND REMADE IN OUR IMAGE.

ALL HAD THEIR MIGHTY PROTECTORS, SOME EVEN **STRONGER** THAN THIS STARBRAND OF YOURS.

THEY ALL BELIEVED THAT IF ONLY THEY STOOD TOGETHER, THEY COULD SAVE THEIR EARTHS.

**KING
KILLMONGER.**

THEY BELIEVED
IT UP UNTIL THE
MOMENT THEY DIED
AT OUR FEET.

**GHOST
GOBLIN.**

**THE
BLACK
SKULL.**

**YOUNG
THANOS.**

**DARK
PHOENIX.**

THE BERSERKER.





AND SO IT
BEGINS.

THE
BATTLE FOR
THE DAWN.

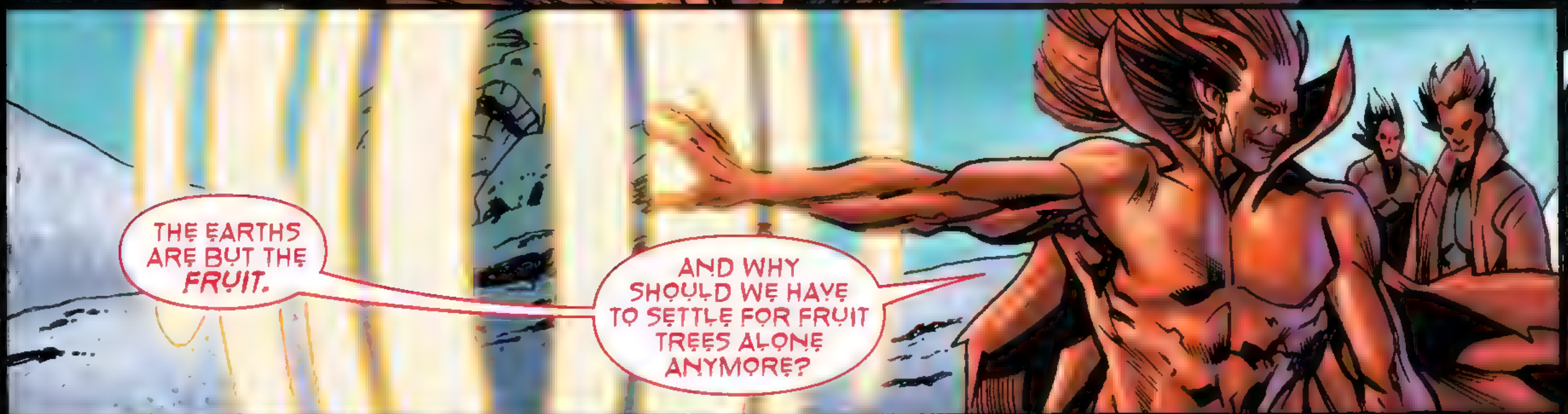
THE 616TH
EARTH THAT
MUST FALL.

THE FINAL
PIECE.



YOU SHOULD'VE
KNOWN BETTER THAN
TO COME HERE, AVENGER
PRIME. TO LEAVE YOUR
WATCHTOWER AT
INFINITY'S END.

YOU'RE JUST
LIKE THE REST OF
THESE FOOLS. THINKING
THAT THIS HAS BEEN
ABOUT...EARTHS.



THE EARTHS
ARE BUT THE
FRUIT.

AND WHY
SHOULD WE HAVE
TO SETTLE FOR FRUIT
TREES ALONE
ANYMORE?



WE MEPHISTOS
WANT THE VERY
DIRT FROM WHICH
THE ORCHARD
GROWS.



THIS
TIME...

...THE DEVIL
GETS THE
GARDEN.

THE GOD QUARRY. AVENGERS TOWER.

WHERE THE
BLOODY HELL
IS HE?

WHERE'S
AVENGER
PRIME?

WE'VE
GOT AN ARMY OF
INTERUNIVERSAL DEVILS
ON OUR DOORSTEP, AND
THE BLOKE WHO'S MEANT
TO MAN THIS BLASTED
TOWER IS NOWHERE
TO BE FOUND.

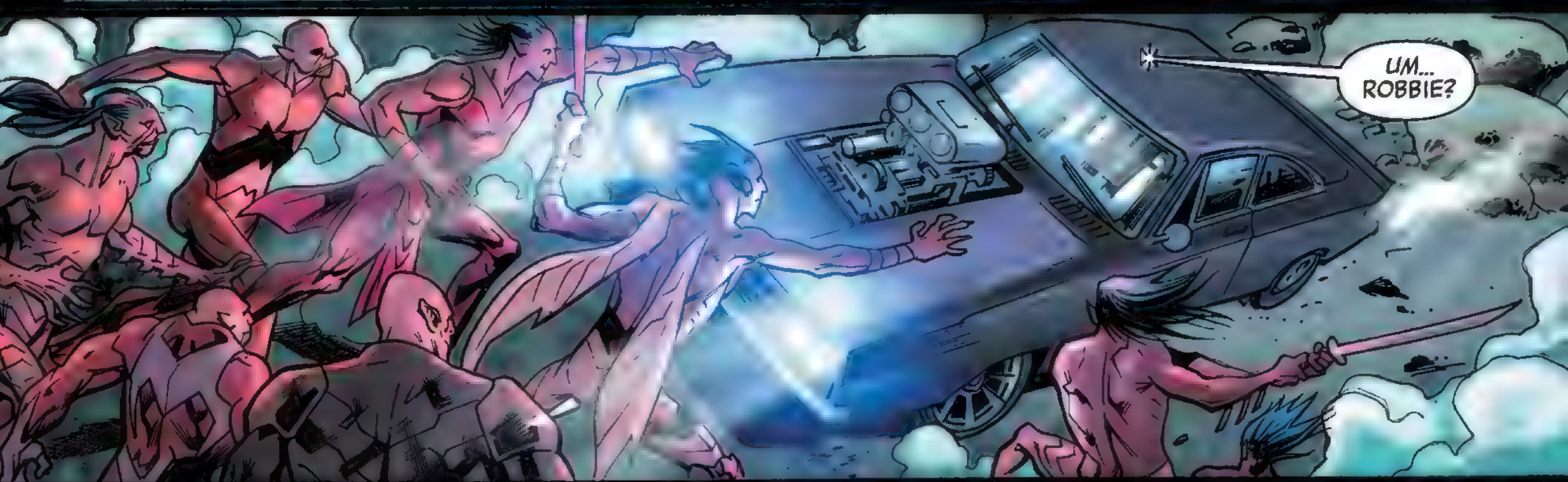
WE CAN
FIGHT WITHOUT
HIM. WE HAVE ARMIES
OF OUR OWN. AVENGERS
ASSEMBLED FROM ACROSS
THE MULTIVERSE,
STANDING BY.

AND WE HAVE
SOMETHING EVEN
BETTER THAN THAT. THE
MOST POWERFUL
AVENGER ALIVE IN
ANY UNIVERSE.

AND
HERE HE COMES
NOW.



"HERE
COMES THE
ALL-RIDER."





LOOK, I
KNOW WE'VE
JUST BEEN
THROUGH A
LOT.

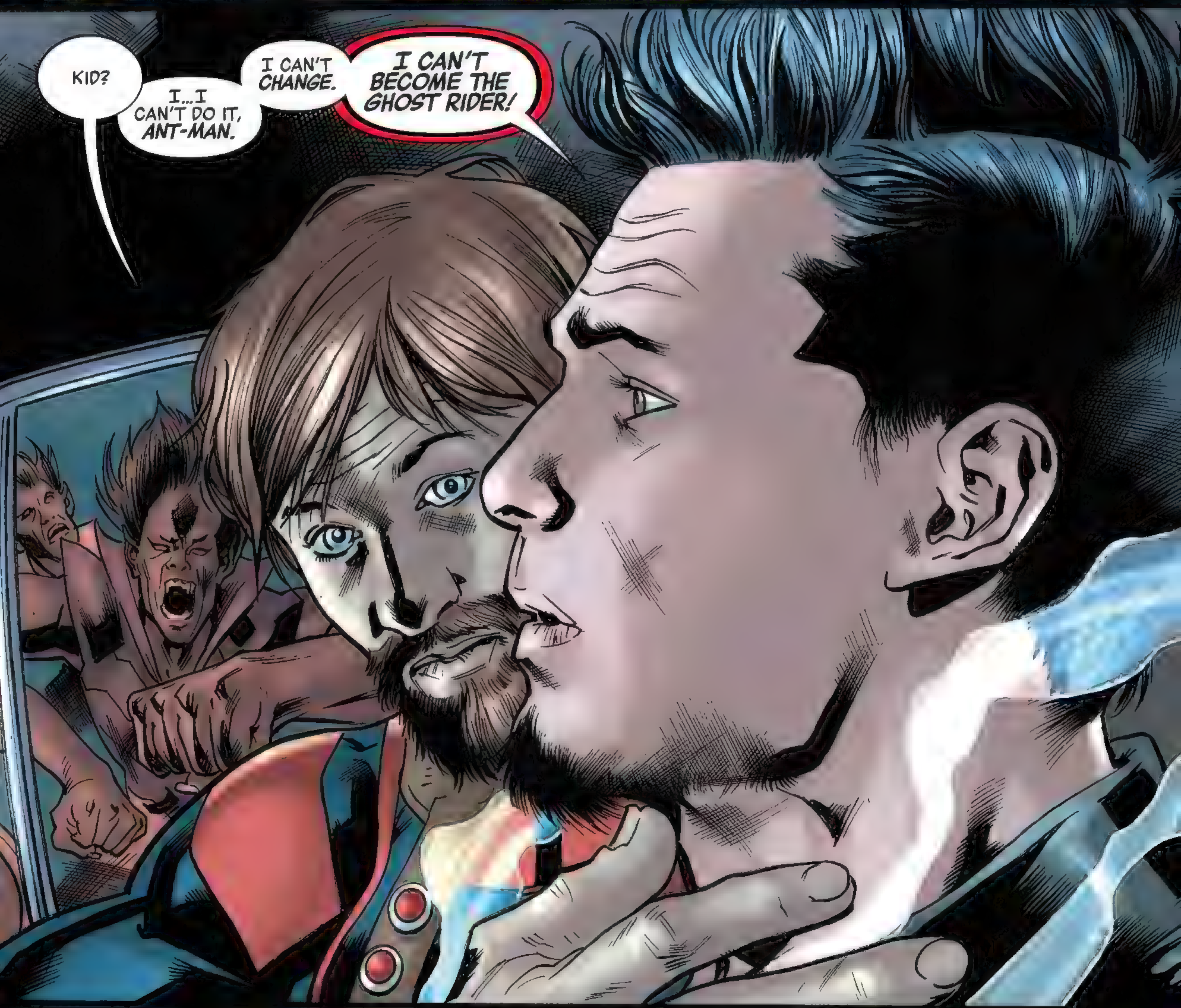
BUT THIS
WOULD PROBABLY
BE A *GREAT* TIME
FOR YOU TO...
YOU KNOW...

...FLAME UP?
FLAME ON? FLAME
EVERY WHICH WAY
BUT LOOSE?

I--
AH--



HHEEEIIIRRRRGHH!!!



KID?

I...I
CAN'T DO IT,
ANT-MAN.

I CAN'T
CHANGE.

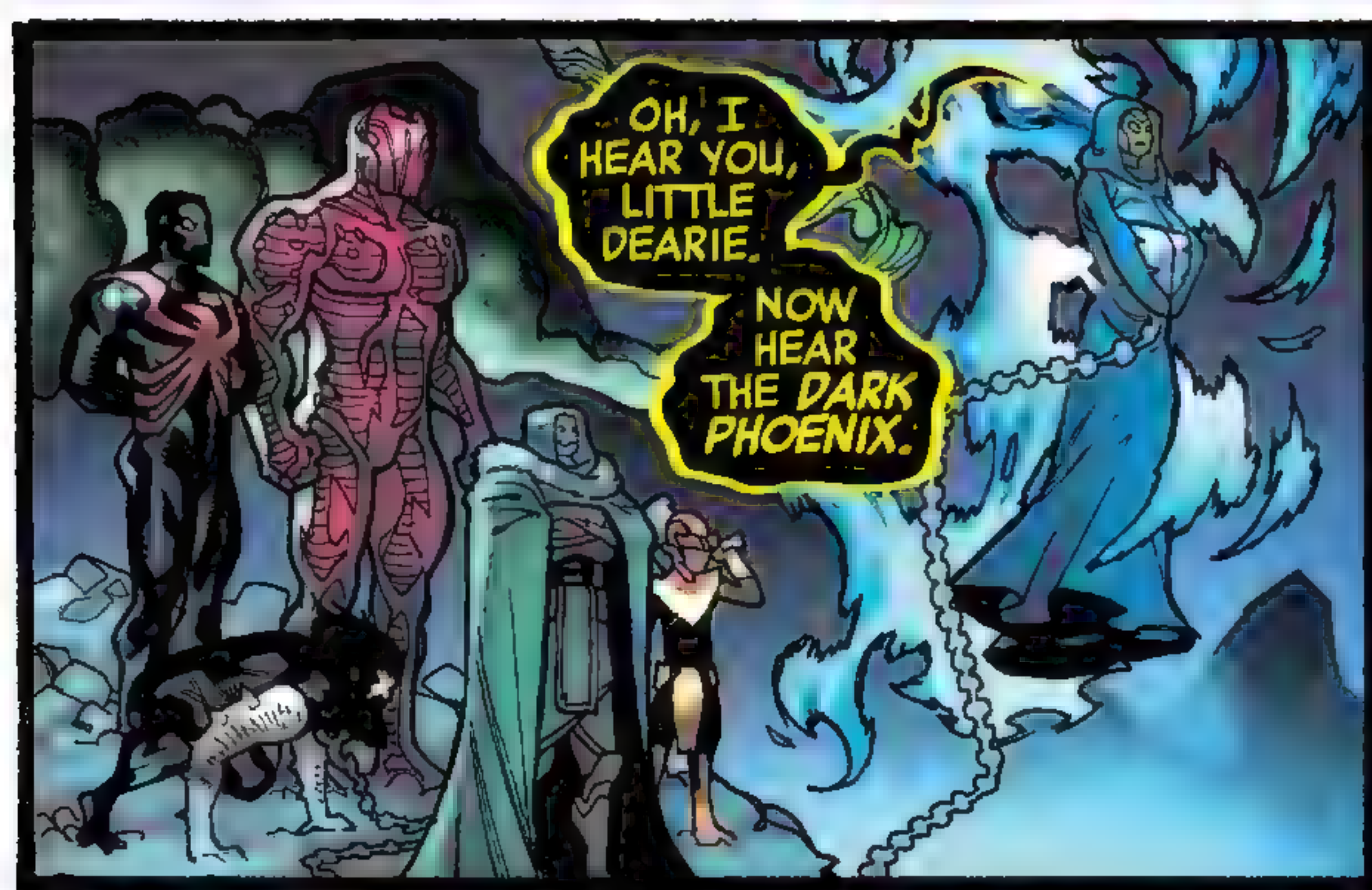
I CAN'T
BECOME THE
GHOST RIDER!



AVENGERS!

THIS IS A FIGHT FOR
OUR ENTIRE TIMELINE!
FOR EVERYTHING
WE'VE EVER KNOWN!

EARTH-616.
THE STONE AGE.
THE GENESIS POINT.









I THOUGHT I COULD SAVE
THE WORLD THAT WAY SAVE IT
FROM ITS OWN SINFUL NATURE

HHNNNGG...

AND MAYBE
EVEN SAVE
MYSELF

BUT I HAVE LEARNED
THAT WE CANNOT STOP
WHAT IS COMING

THIS IS THE
WORLD THAT
WE DESERVE

THAT
WAS FOR THE
STARBRAND.

WHO'S
NEXT?



THIS WORLD IS SO
NEW, YET ALREADY
SOURD AND
STRUGGLING

THIS WE KNOW,
EVEN AS WE
FIGHT FOR IT.

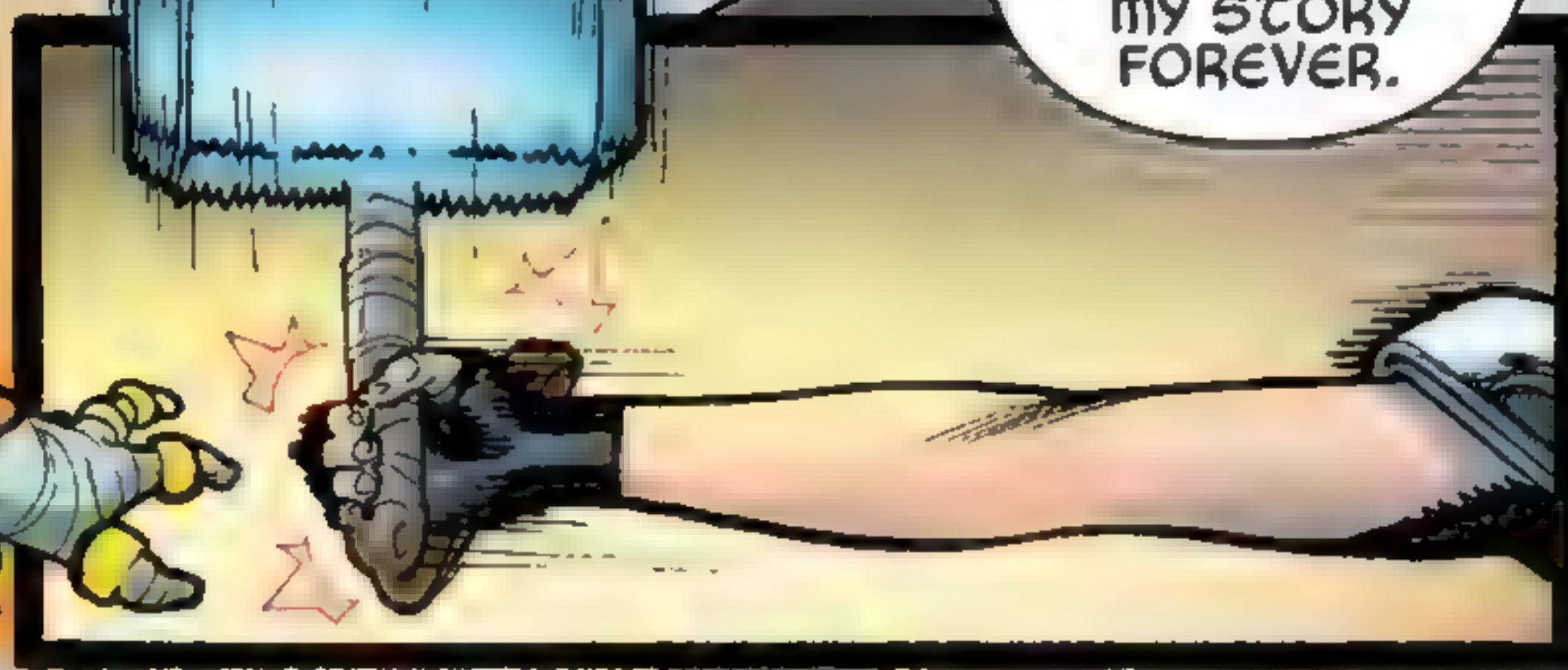
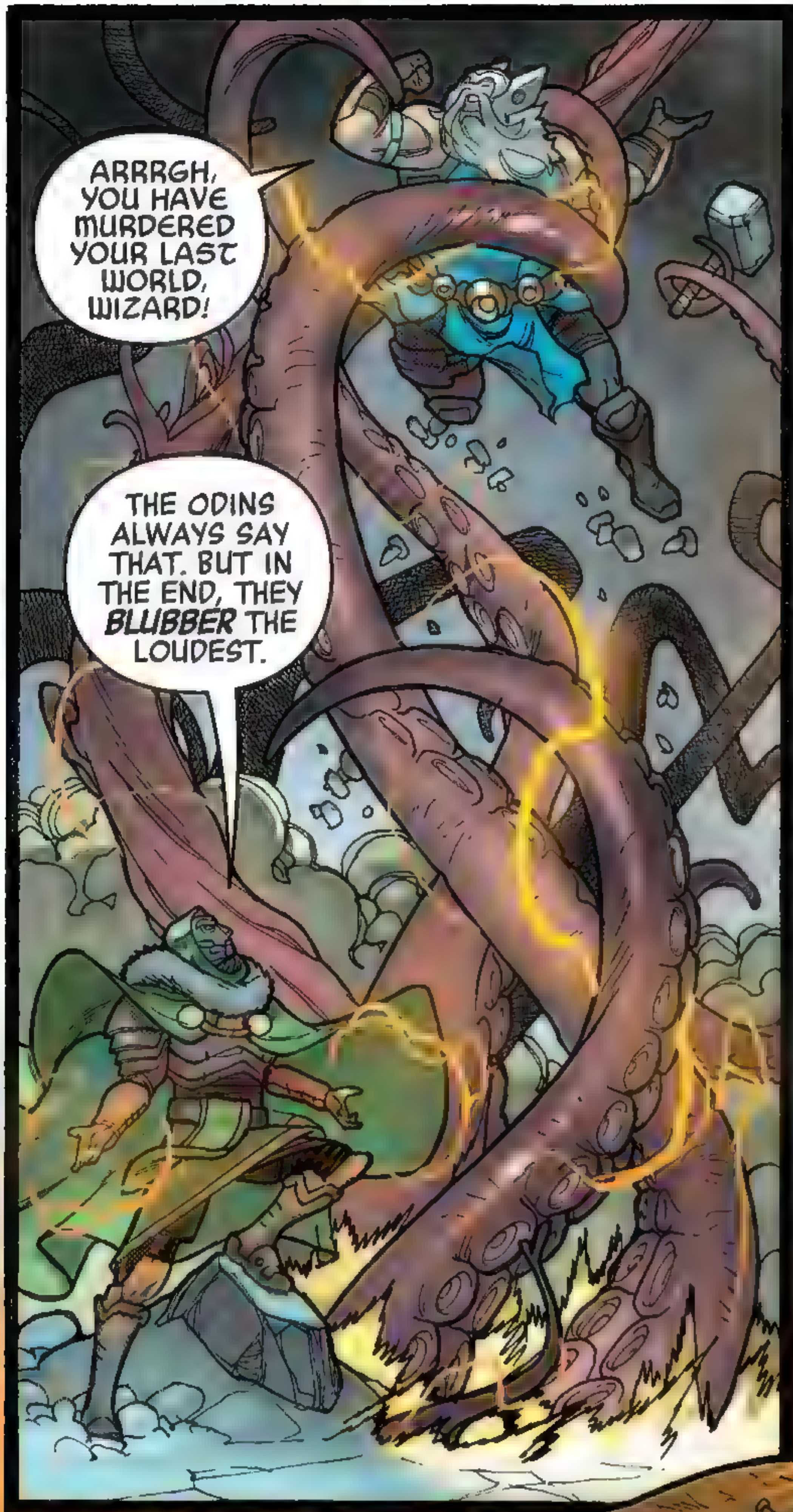
BY ALL THE
STARS DO
WE FIGHT.

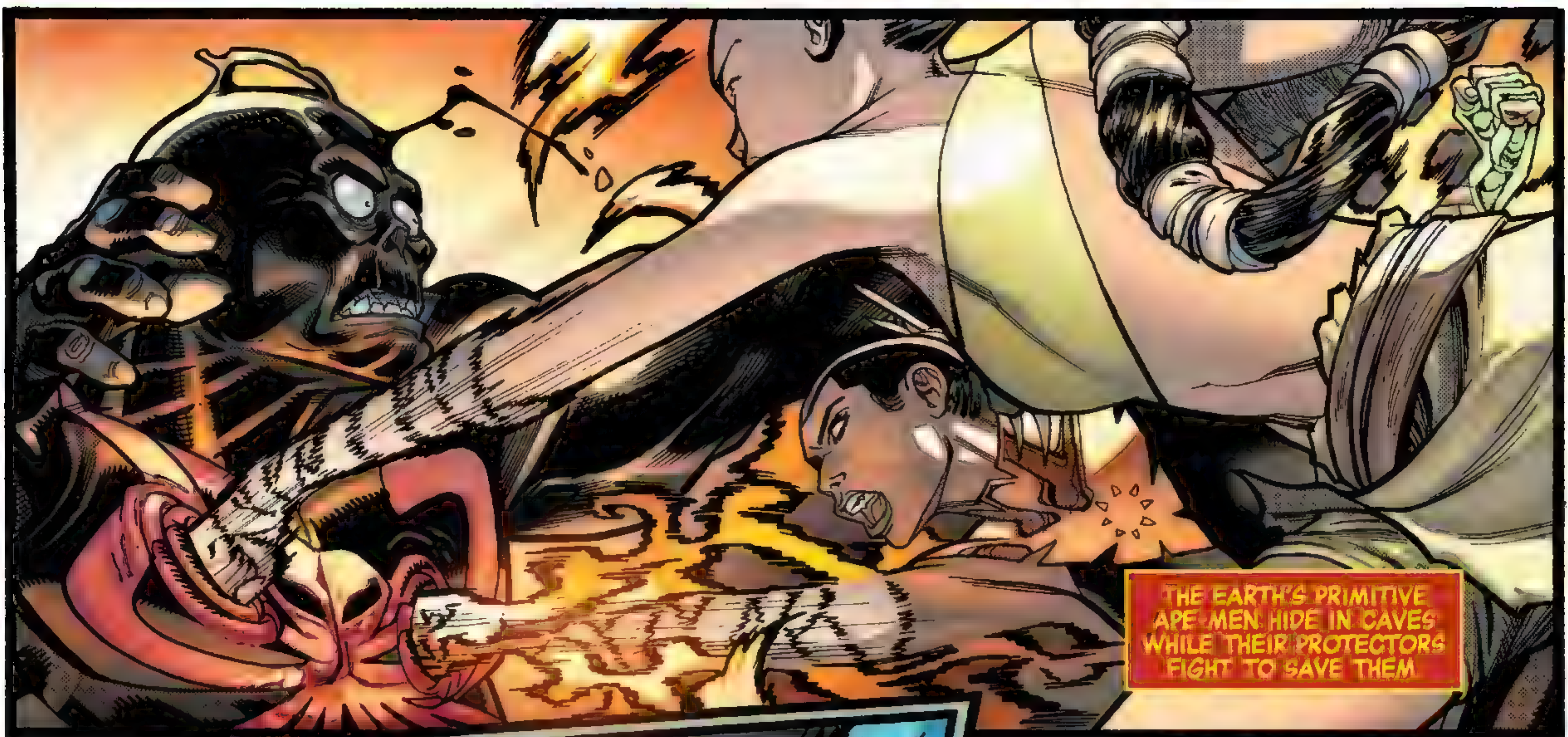
FOR WE ARE
THAT STRUGGLE
GIVEN FLESH

WE ARE THE
EARTH'S CURSES
AND MIRACLES.

AND IN ITS
NAME, WE
RAGE.







THE EARTH'S PRIMITIVE
APE-MEN HIDE IN CAVES
WHILE THEIR PROTECTORS
FIGHT TO SAVE THEM.



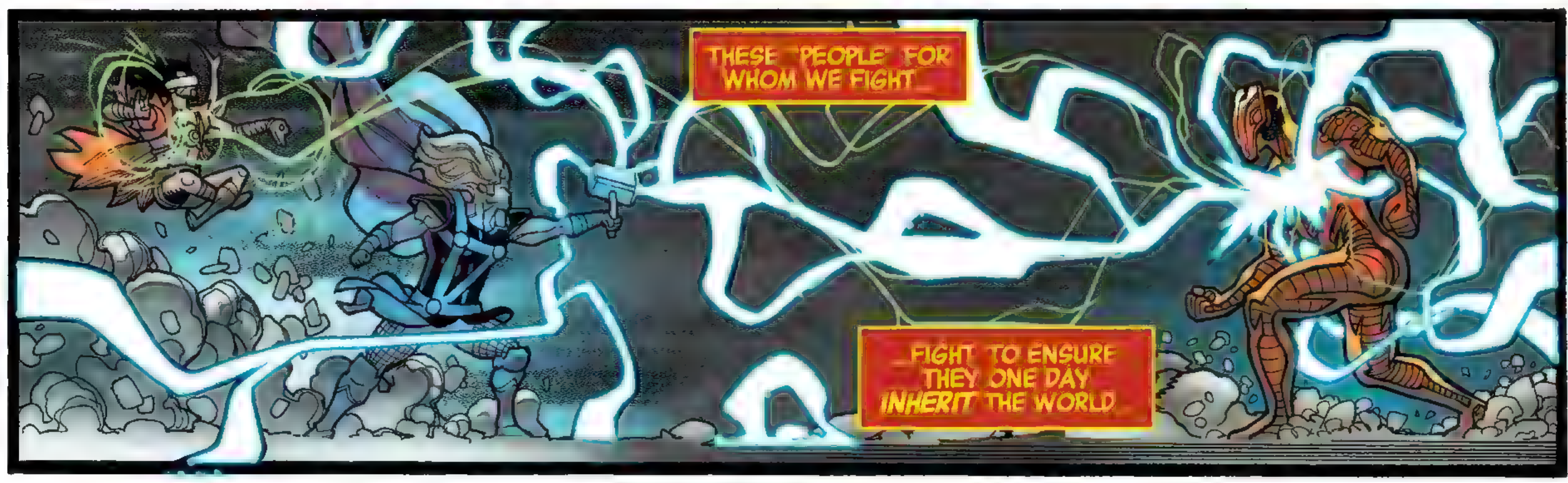
THEY SEE THE LIGHTS
IN THE SKY, FEEL THE
ERUPTION OF POWER.

AND BEING CREATURES
PRONE TO ALTERNATING
STATES OF TERROR AND
VIOLENCE, THEY REVERT
TO BOTH.



A CAVE TRIBE FINDS ONE AMONG
THEM BORN WITH SIX FINGERS ON
ONE HAND AND DECIDES HE MUST BE
THE REASON THE GODS ARE ANGRY.

THEY ARE
STONING HIM
AS WE SPEAK.



THESE "PEOPLE" FOR
WHOM WE FIGHT...

FIGHT TO ENSURE
THEY ONE DAY
INHERIT THE WORLD.

WHY DO WE
FIGHT FOR
SUCH BEASTS?

YOU WERE...
A STARBRAND
LIKE ME. ONE OF
THE FIRST.

THANK
YOU.

WHY DO
WE EVEN
BOTHER?

THANK
YOU FOR
GIVING YOUR
LIFE...SO
THAT I MIGHT
LIVE.

IF ONLY...
I HAD THE
STRENGTH TO
DO THE
SAME.

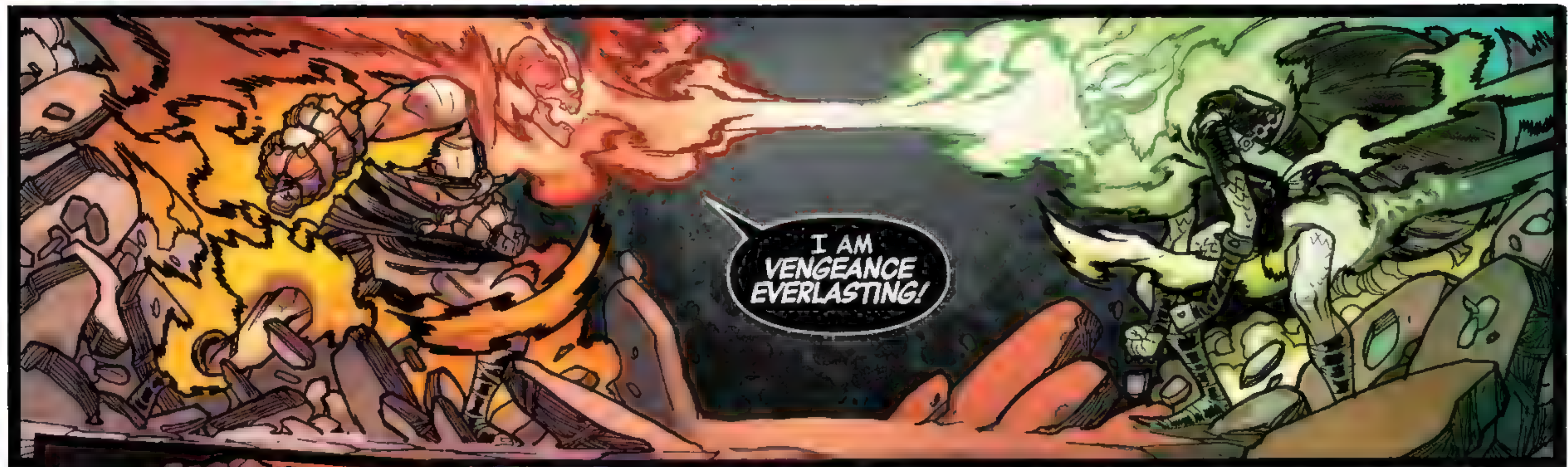
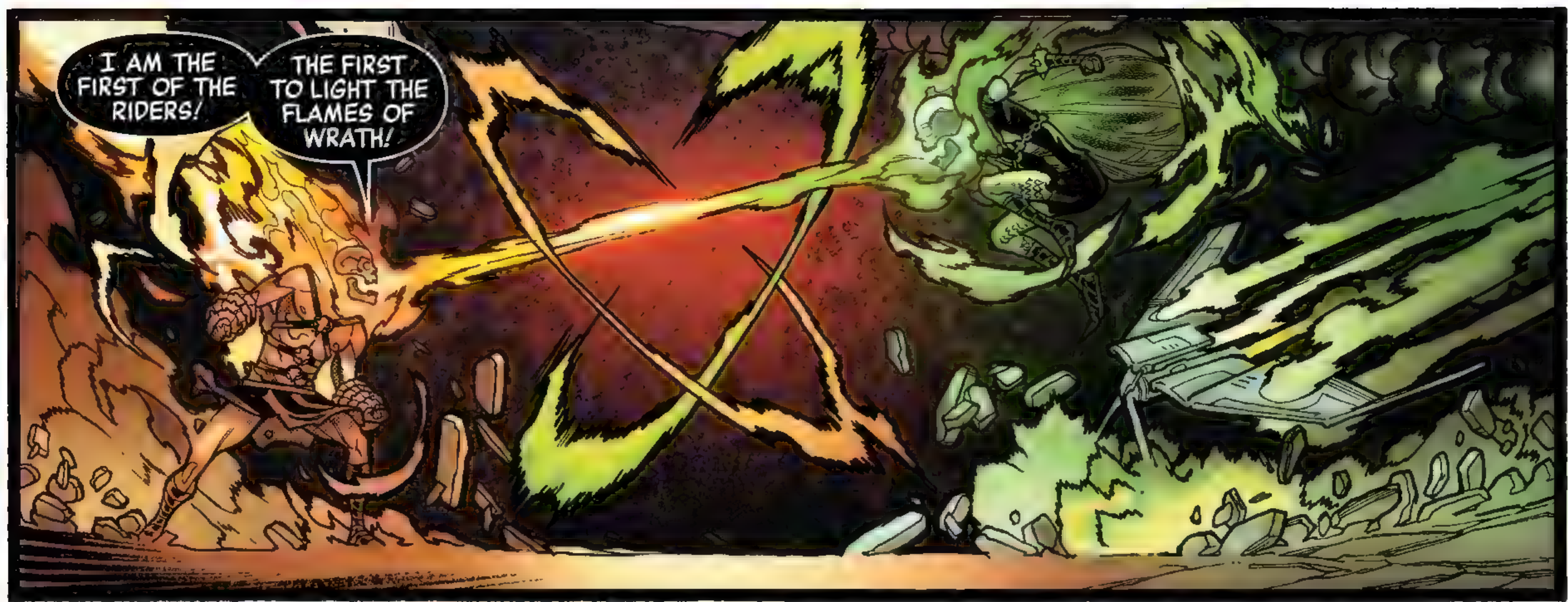
NORMAN
OSBORN? IS
THAT YOU UNDER
ALL THAT
FIRE?

GOD, WHAT
DID YOU HAVE
TO DO TO GET
THIS KIND OF
POWER?

WHAT HIS
KIND ALWAYS
DO. HE SOLD HIS
SOUL FOR
SIN.

HA! JUST
LIKE YOU, LITTLE
GHOST.

NO. NOT
AT ALL LIKE
ME.





YOU
NEVER DESERVED
TO BURN.

HHAAEEERGGH!

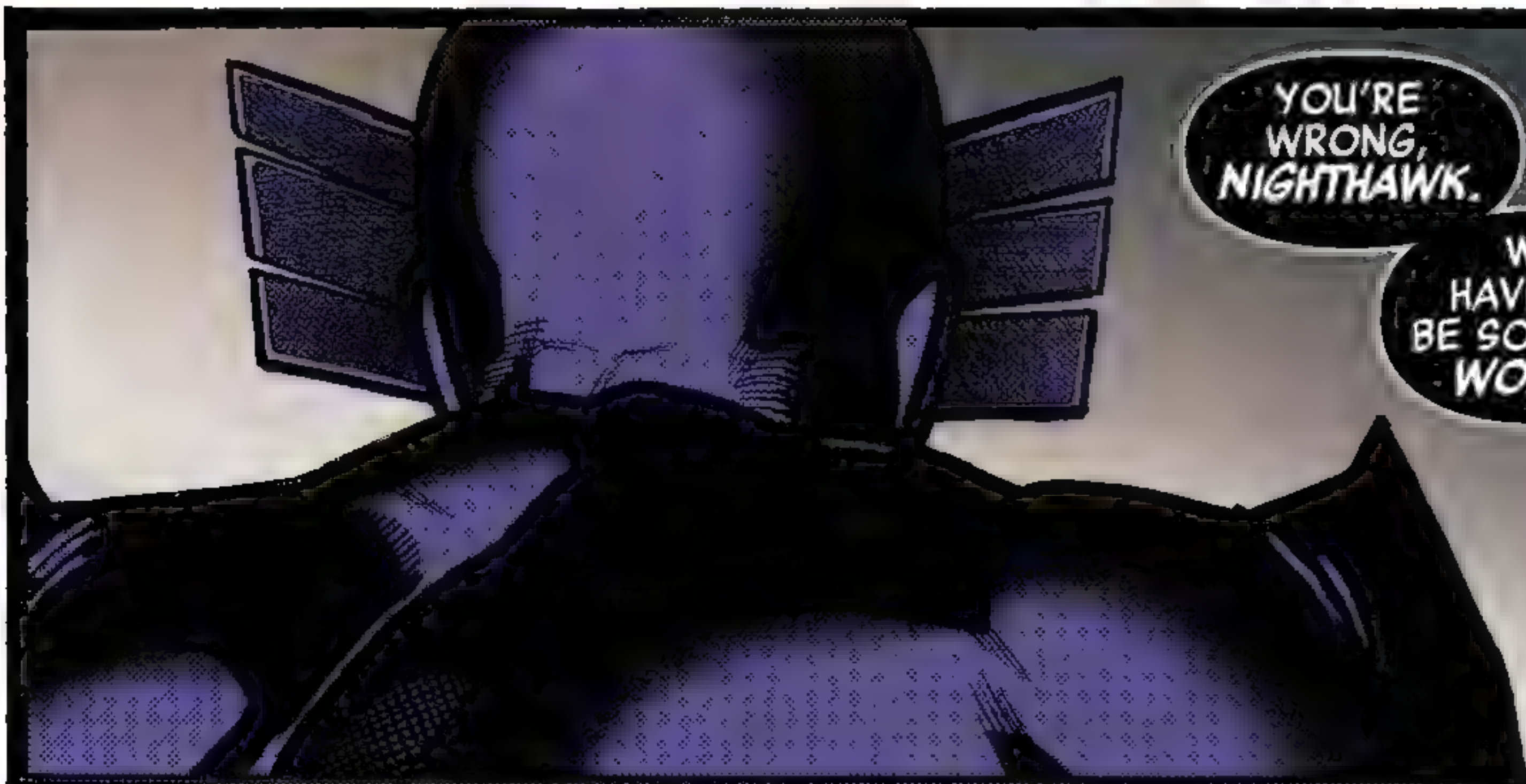


YOU WERE
MEANT TO
ROT.



LIKE YOU,
RIDER, I'M
A CHILD OF
MEPHISTO.

JUST
REMEMBER
THAT WE HAVE
TO BE BETTER
THAN HIM TO
WIN THIS.



YOU'RE
WRONG,
NIGHTHAWK.

WE
HAVE TO
BE SO MUCH
WORSE.





IS IT
JUST ME OR
IS THIS EARTH
TAKING LONGER
THAN USUAL
TO SUBDUE?

MEPHISTO
WAS SUPPOSED
TO DEAL WITH THESE
TIME-TRAVELING
AVENGERS.

AS USUAL,
MEPHISTO
PLAYS HIS OWN
GAMES.

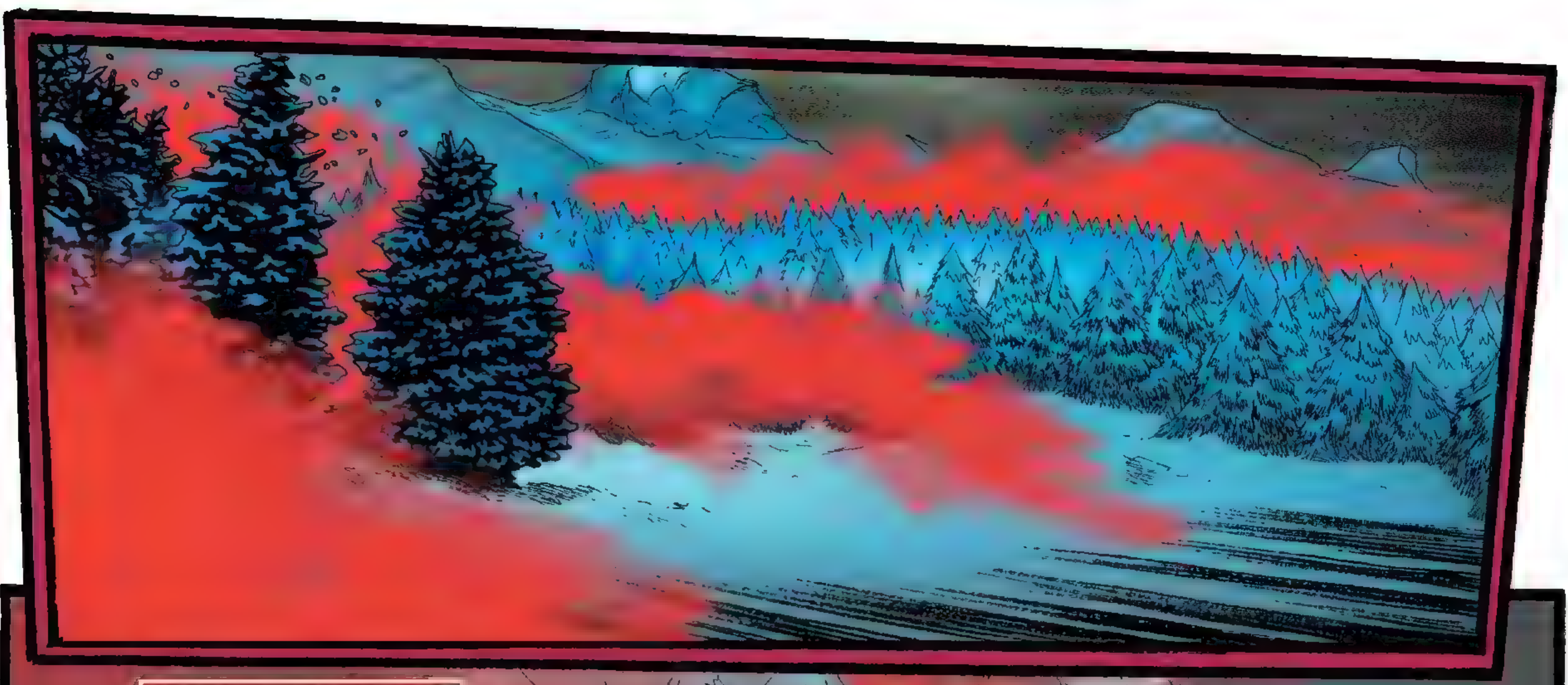
THEN LET
US ANNIHILATE
THESE FOOLS SO
WE CAN FINISH
THE DEVIL AS
WELL.

WHY
BOTHR WHEN
THE SLAUGHTER
OF THE AVENGERS
ISN'T EVEN
NECESSARY?

ALL WE
NEED DO IS
ERASE THE FUTURE
WHENCE THEY
WILL ONE DAY
COME.

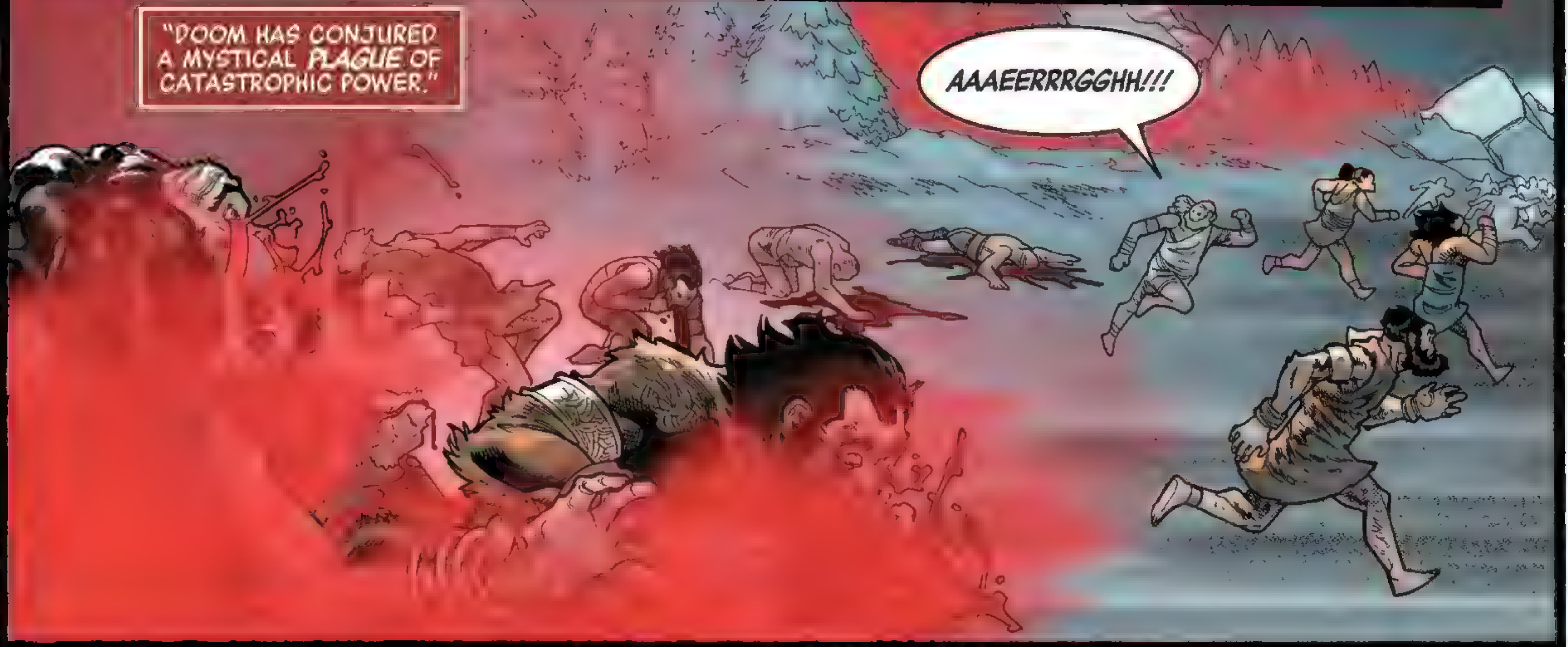
ONE
ANCESTRAL
APE-MAN AT
A TIME.





"DOOM HAS CONJURED
A MYSTICAL **PLAGUE** OF
CATASTROPHIC POWER."

AAAAEERRRGHH!!!



IT WILL
SWEEP ACROSS
THE LANDS WIPING
OUT EVERY PRIMATE
THAT STANDS ON
TWO LEGS.

IF IT
CAN BE
STOPPED, I'LL
STOP IT.

IT
MOVES WITH
UNNATURAL
SPEED, GHOST
RIDER.

SO
DO I. I'M
THE **FASTEST**
THING ON THIS
PLANET.



not
Anymore.



THIS ISN'T
EXACTLY MY FIRST
RODEO! BUT HOW THE
HEL DO WE STOP A
PLAGUE STORM MADE
OF DARK MAGIC?

WHEN YOU
WIELD THE FIRES
OF HELL, YOU LEARN
ONE THING.

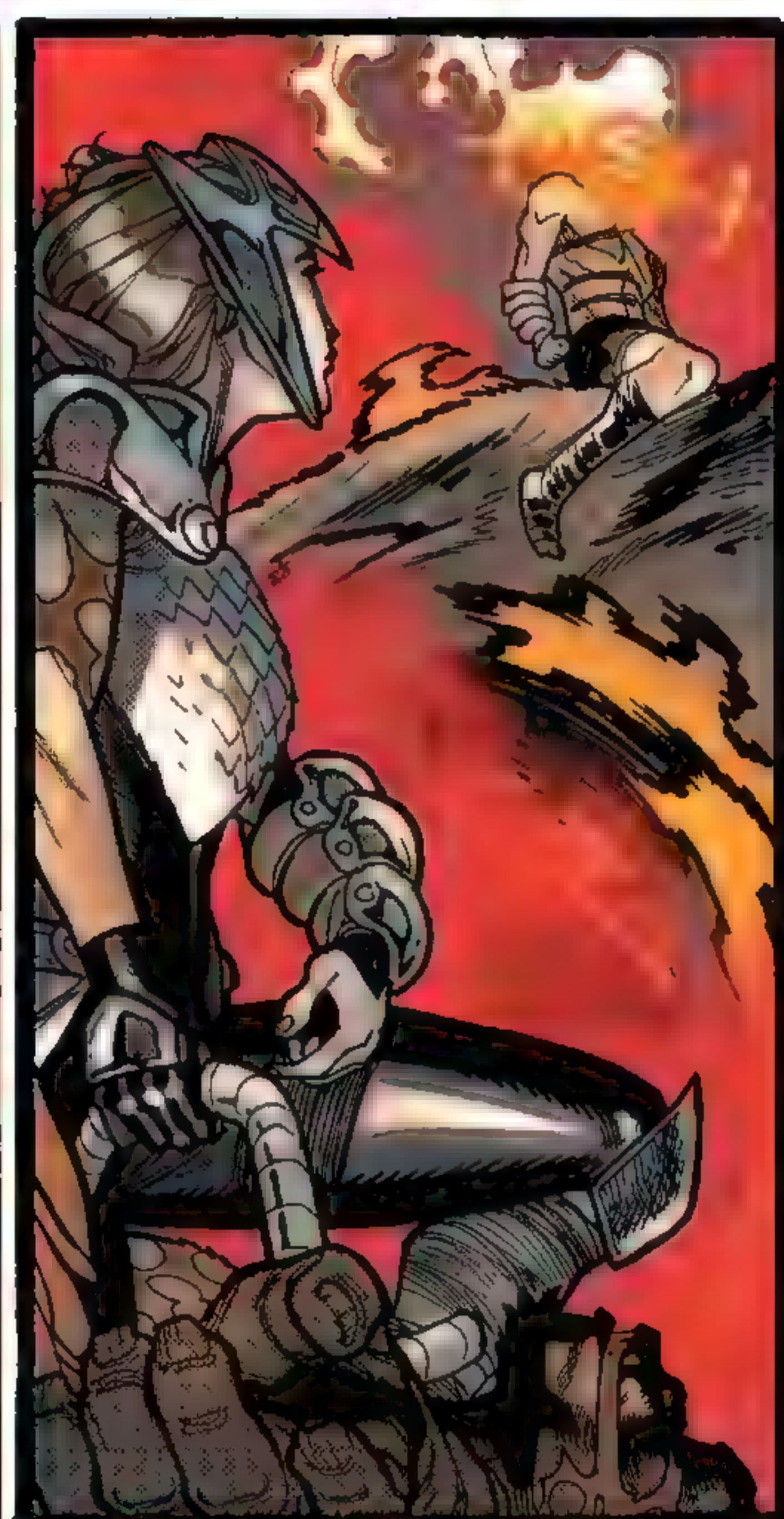


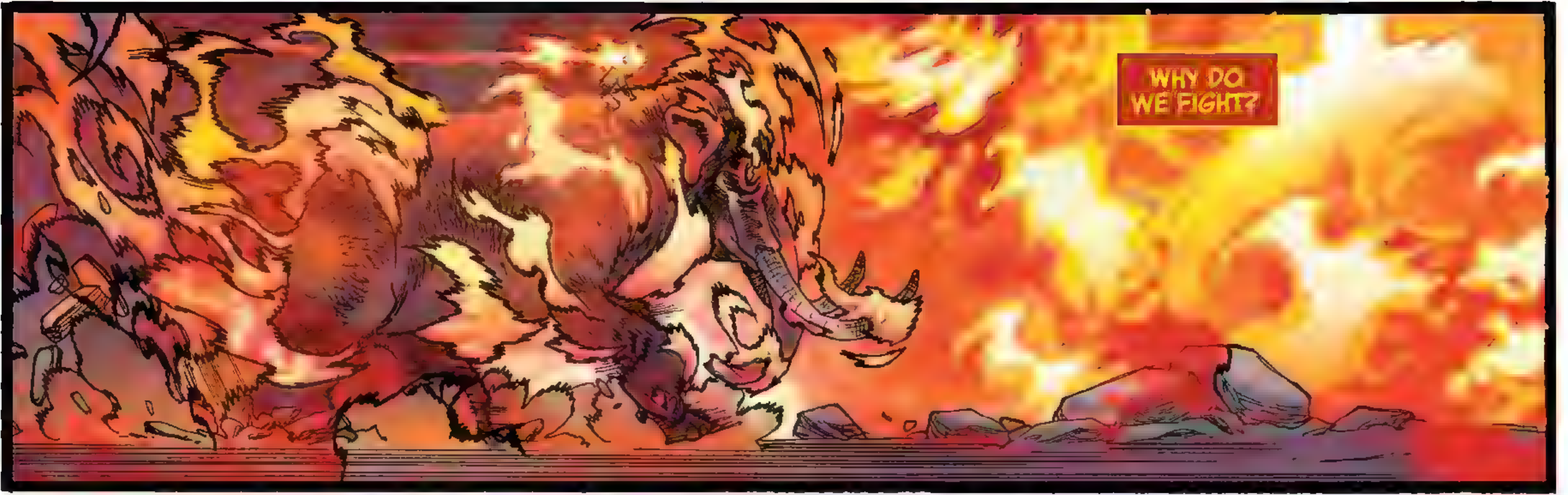
EVERYTHING
BURNS.



IT'S
WORKING, RIDER!
BUT THE STORM
IS SPREADING
TOO FAST!





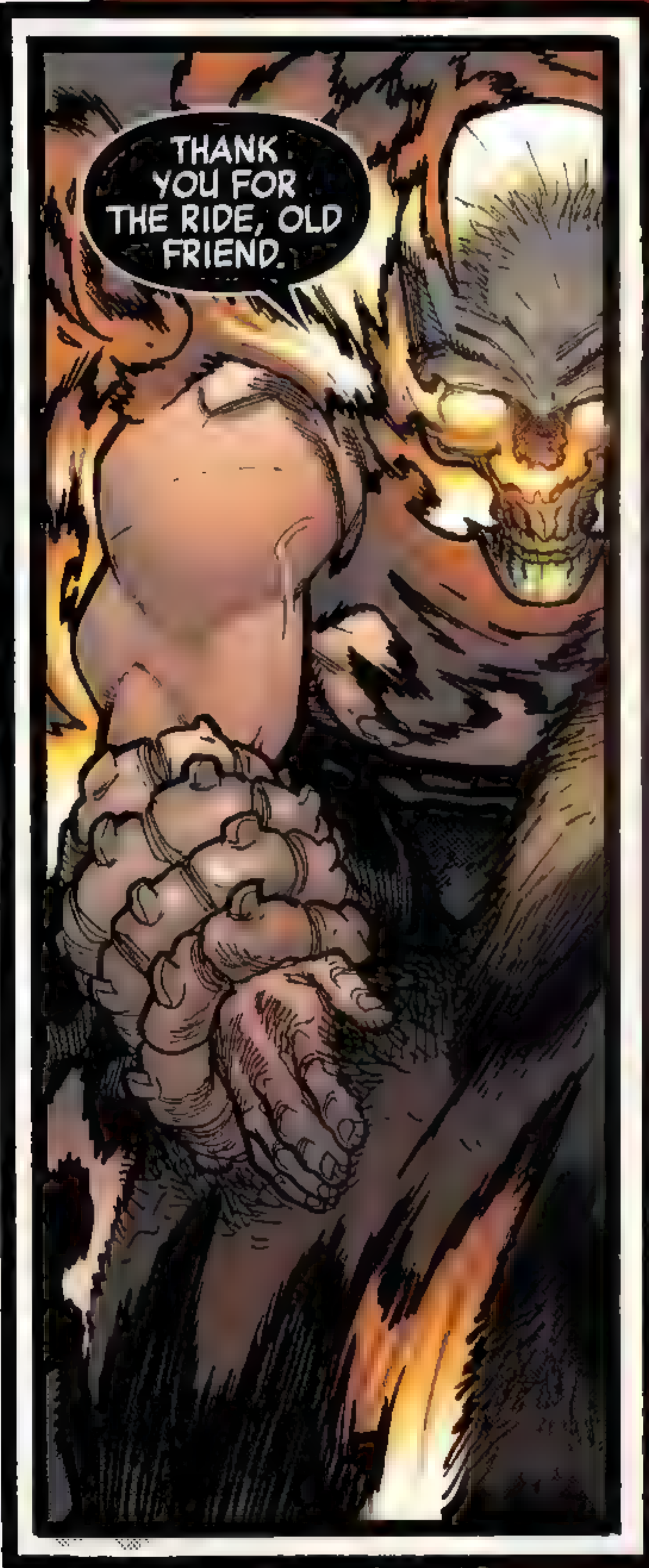


WHY DO
WE FIGHT?

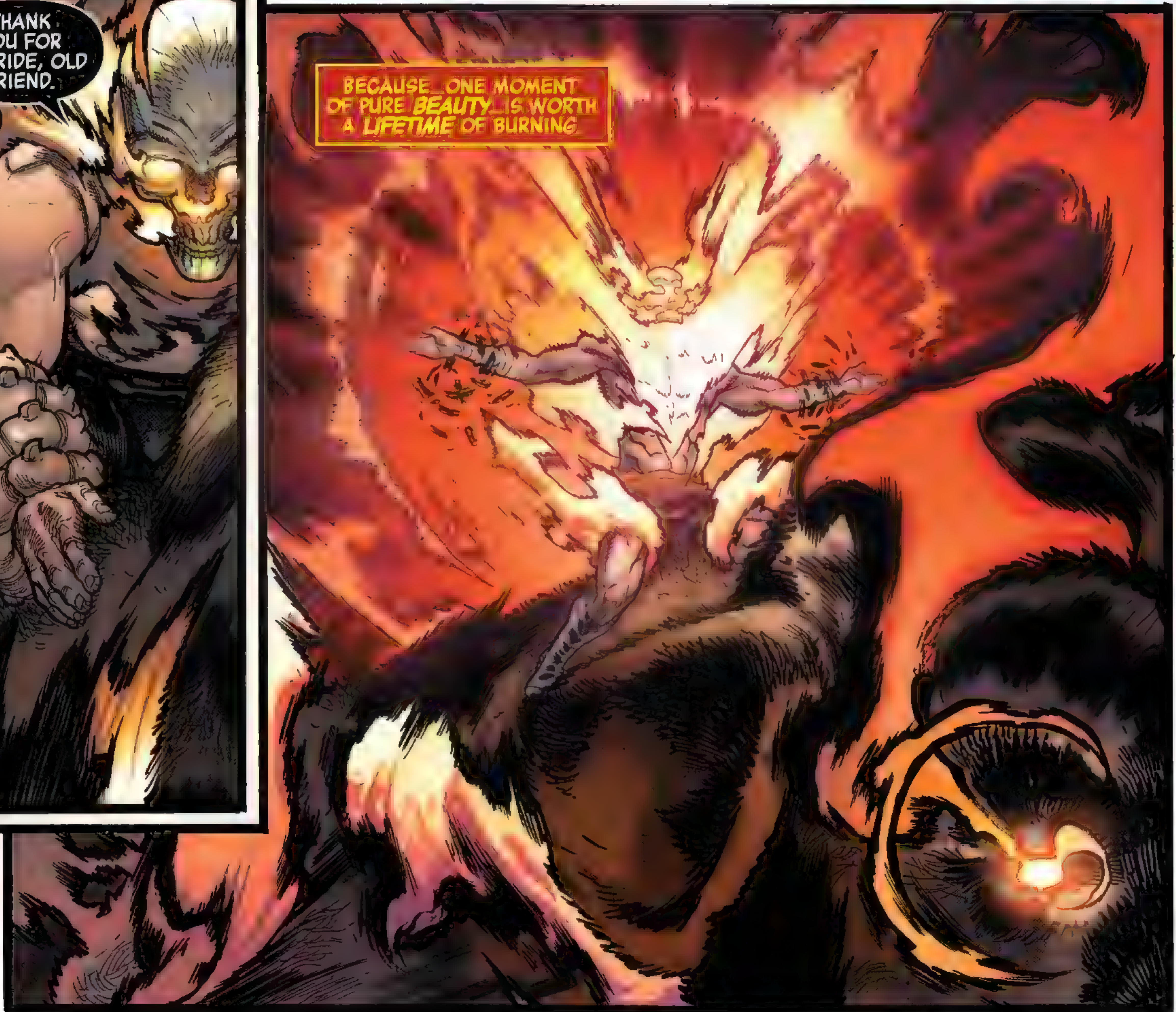


GIVEN WHAT
WE KNOW OF
MAN'S DESTINY

GIVEN HOW THE
FIRES WE WIELD
TEND TO BURN US
MOST OF ALL



THANK
YOU FOR
THE RIDE, OLD
FRIEND.



BECAUSE ONE MOMENT
OF PURE BEAUTY IS WORTH
A LIFETIME OF BURNING

AND THERE ALWAYS
REMAINS THE HOPE,
HOWEVER FOOLISH, THAT
IF ENOUGH OF US ONLY
BURN BRIGHT ENOUGH
AND LONG ENOUGH.

WE MIGHT MELT AWAY
THE WORST OF THIS PLACE
AND OF OURSELVES, SO
THAT SOMEDAY, LONG AFTER
WE'RE DEAD AND DESICCATED.

THOSE MOMENTS
OF BEAUTY MAY EVEN
OUTWEIGH ALL THE REST.

IF NOTHING
ELSE, IT'S A
LOVELY DREAM.

THE KIND THAT
HELPS ONE CARRY
ON BURNING.

UNTIL ALL
IS ASH.



KEEP FIGHTING,
AVENGERS! KEEP
GIVING IT ALL
YOU'VE GOT!

THINK
OF THE FACES
OF EVERYONE
YOU'VE EVER
LOVED!

THAT'S
WHO WE'RE
FIGHTING FOR
TODAY!
IF
WE FALL,
EVERYONE
DIES!

SO WE
DO NOT GET
TO FALL!

KRA-KOON

I HEAR THE
THUNDER FROM
WORLDS AWAY

AND SUDDENLY, I
CAN'T HELP BUT
REMEMBER THE CAVE
WHERE I WAS BORN

I REMEMBER
THE WORLD I
FOUGHT TO SAVE

THE WORLD
I SO DEARLY
LOVED

THE WORLD I
ABANDONED

BUT MOST OF ALL
I REMEMBER THE
SON I LEFT BEHIND

THOR, MY
BELOVED

MOTHER IS
COMING





"THE SIEGE OF INFINITY TOWER"

AVENGERS FOREVER 12

THE BERSEKER SCREAMS OF
VIKING RAIDERS DRUNK ON MEAD
AND BLOODLUST AS THEY COME
ROARING OUT OF THE WAVES TOWARD
SOME QUIET CHRISTIAN VILLAGE.

THE STONEWALL BRIGADE
WHOOPING AND HOLLERING
THEIR REBEL YELL AT THE
BATTLE OF BULL RUN.

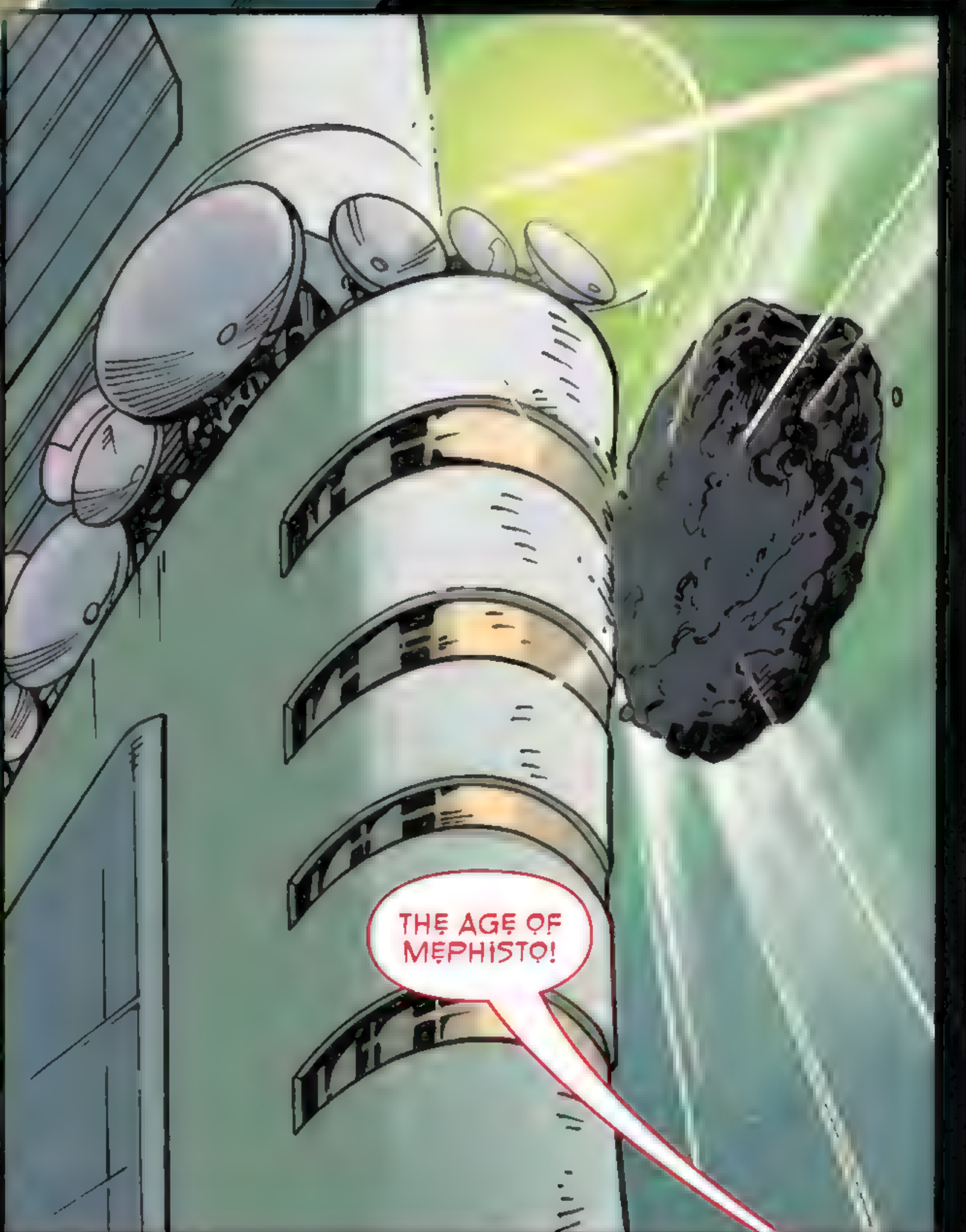
THE APACHE WAR CRIES
THAT SENT SHIVERS
DOWN THE BACKS OF
THE MEXICAN ARMY.

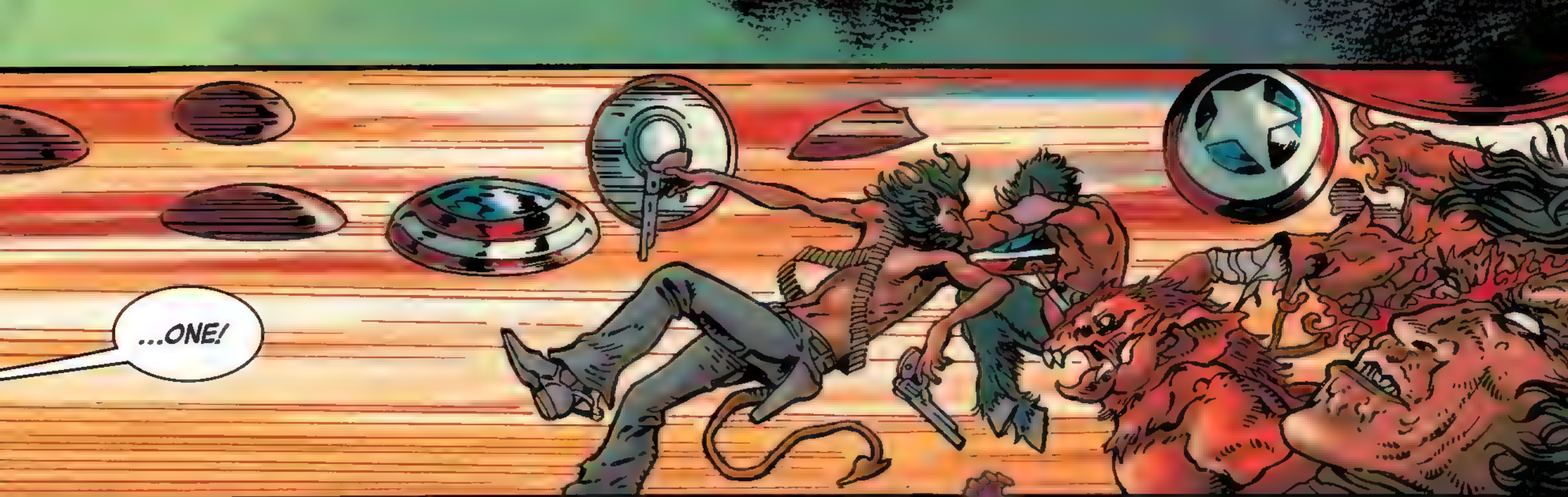
AS BATTLE CRIES GO, THOSE
WERE SOME OF THE MOST
BLOOD-CHILLING, BONE-RATTLING
ONES THAT'D EVER BEEN HEARD.

AT LEAST UNTIL
THE CHARGE OF THE
MEPHISTOS AT
INFINITY'S END.



RROOOIIIIEERRR GH!









WATCH YOUR BACK, STEVE!

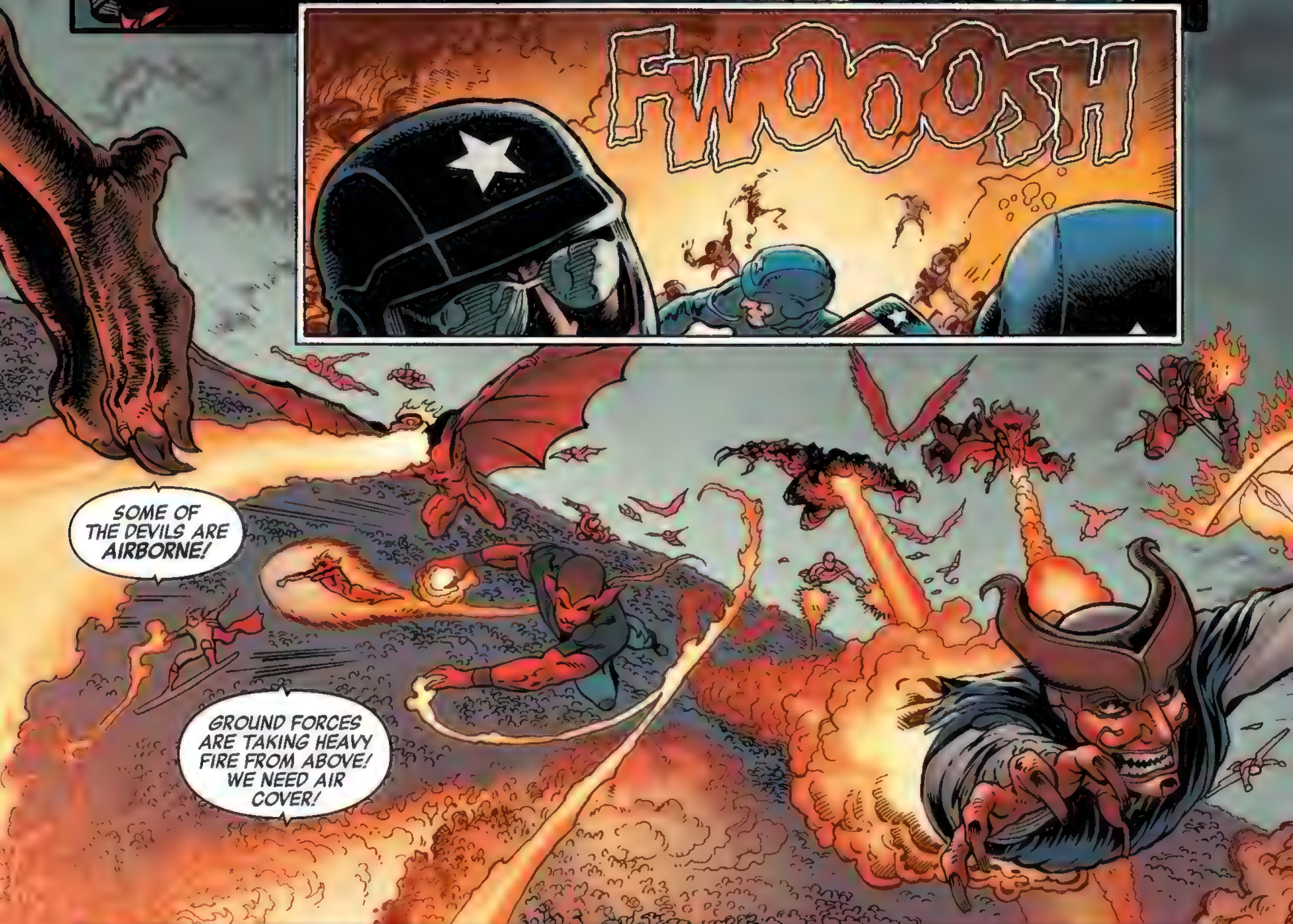
THANKS FOR LOOKING OUT, STEVE!

≡BARK!≡

YOU TELL 'EM, STEVE!

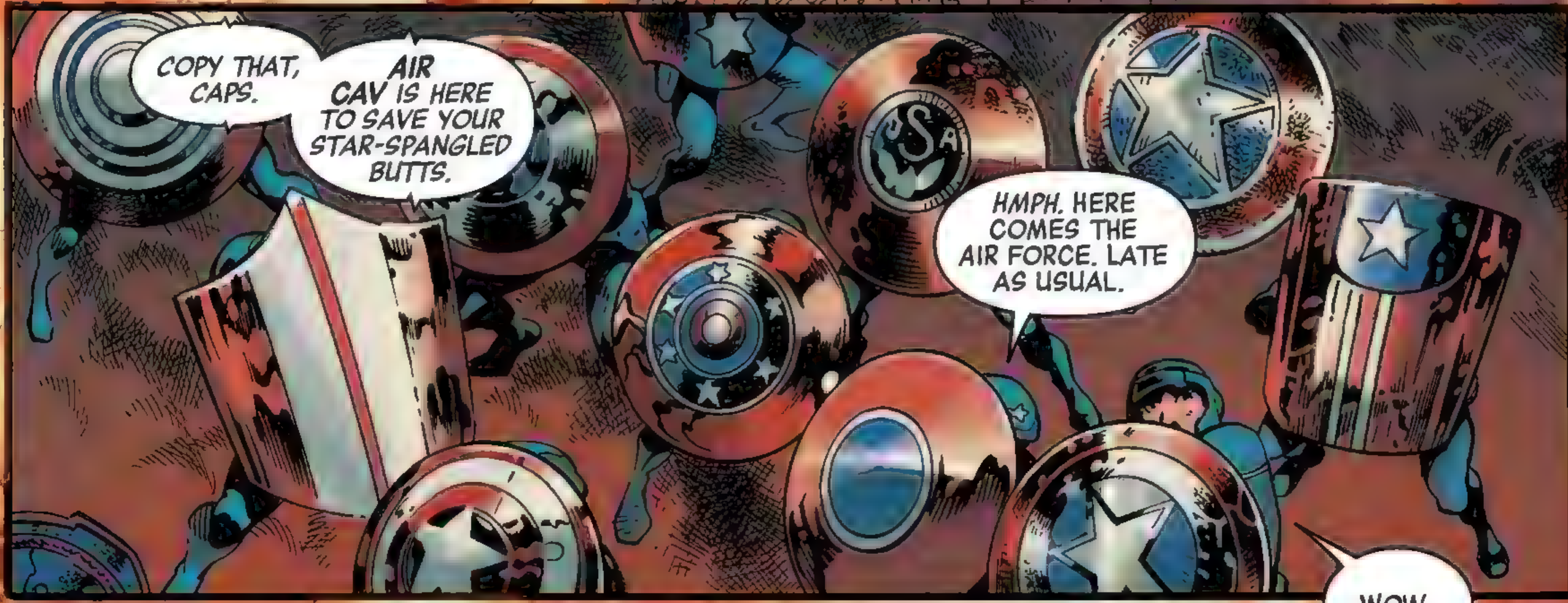


FWOOOSH



SOME OF THE DEVILS ARE AIRBORNE!

GROUND FORCES ARE TAKING HEAVY FIRE FROM ABOVE! WE NEED AIR COVER!



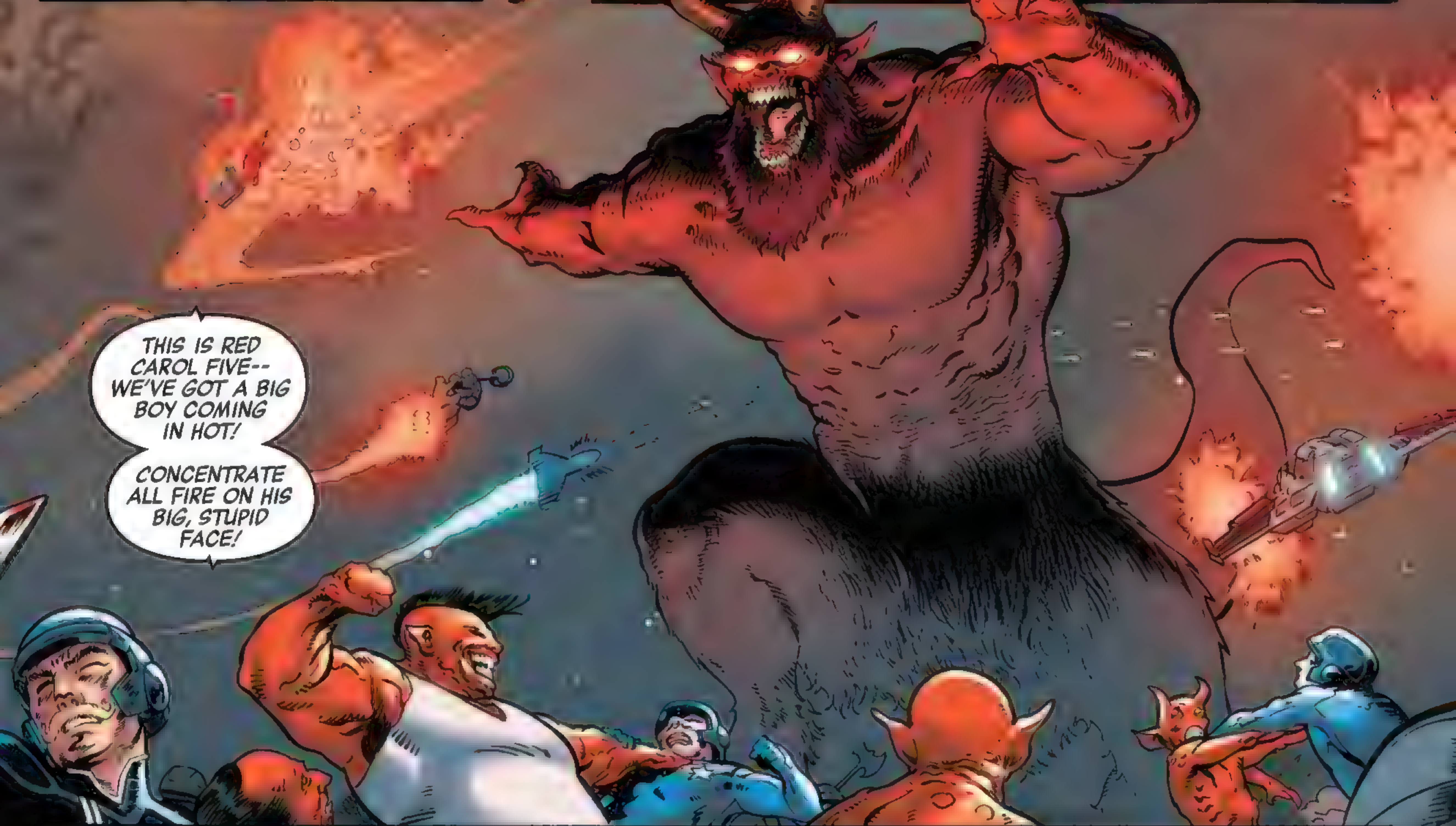
COPY THAT, CAPS.

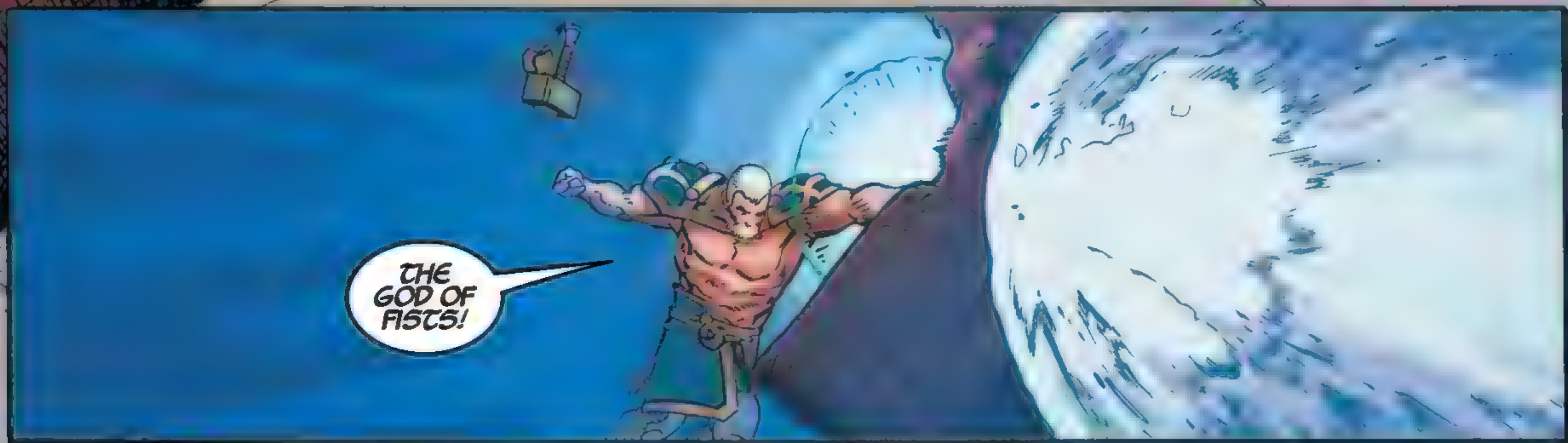
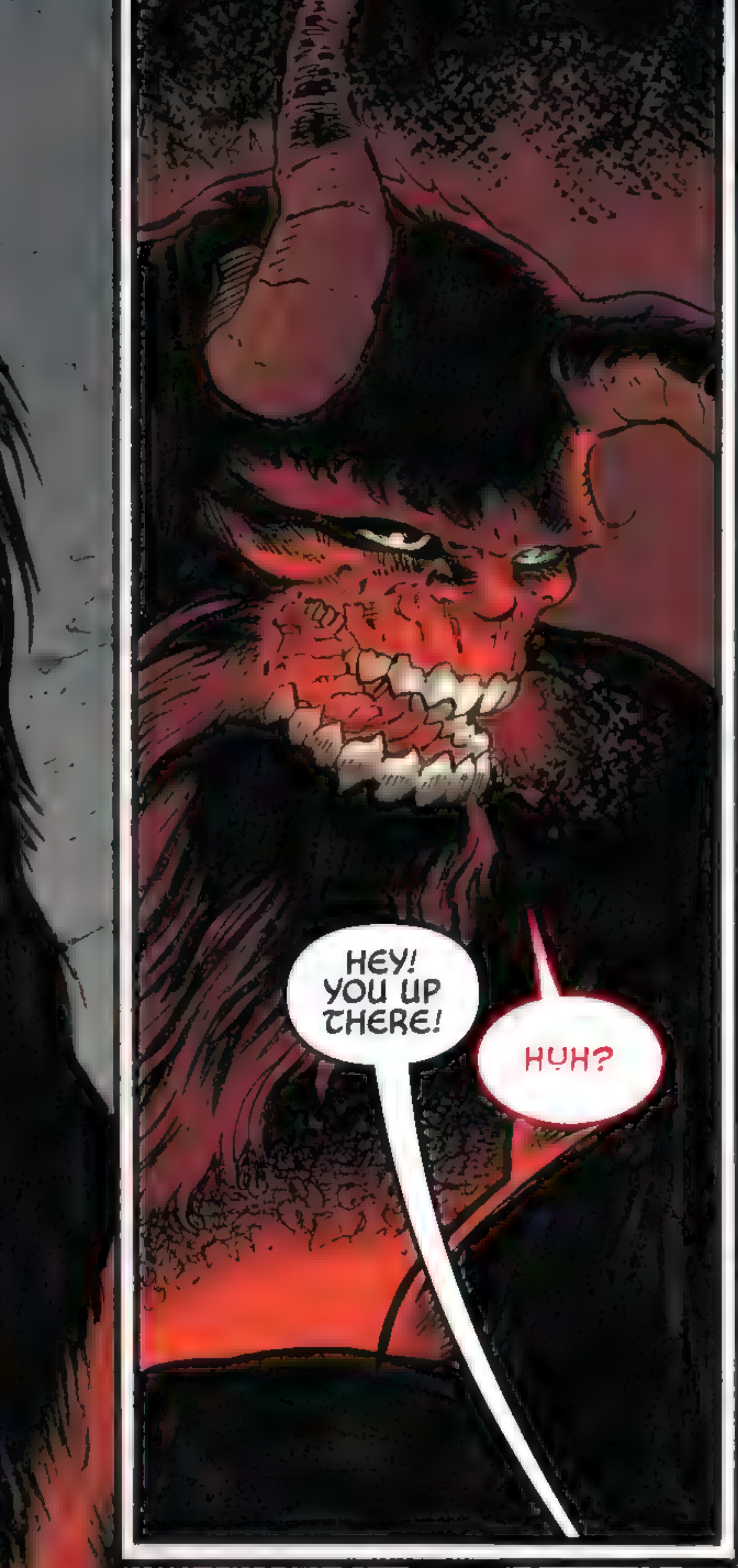
AIR CAV IS HERE TO SAVE YOUR STAR-SPANGLED BUTTS.

HMPH. HERE COMES THE AIR FORCE. LATE AS USUAL.

WOW.









GAAAARGGH!

YOU LITTLE
COWARD! FACE
ME EYE TO EYE AND
I'LL CHEW YOU
UP AND SPIT
YOU--



KROOM



HOW'S
THAT FOR EYE
TO EYE?

WHO'S
NEXT, YOU
BASTARDS?!

WE'VE GOT
MORE GIANT-SIZED
MAN-TURDS. WE SHOULD
FOCUS ALL AIR
FORCES ON THEM.

NEGATIVE,
THAT WON'T BE
NECESSARY. SPECIAL
OPS OMEGA SQUAD
IS RESPONDING
NOW.





WAKANDA FOREVER.

LEAVE THE GIANTS TO THE STAR PANTHER.

POUR IT ON ACROSS ALL FRONTS! WE HAVE THESE HELL-HUGGERS ON THE ROPES!



FIGHT LIKE
AVENGERS!

DRIVE THEM
BACK TO
WHATEVER
SCUMHOLES
THEY SLITHERED
OUT OF!

PROTECT
THE TOWER!!!

WOW.
SOME
PLACE.

DEATHLOK
TOLD ME ALL
ABOUT THIS
TOWER...
BEFORE HE...

...BEFORE
HE WENT AND
LIVED UP TO
HIS NAME.

SO, WHERE'S
THIS MYSTERIOUS
AVENGER PRIME
HE WAS ALWAYS
GOING ON
ABOUT?



NOT HERE.
WE HAVE NO IDEA
WHERE HE'S GONE.
OR IF HE'S BEEN
CAPTURED.*

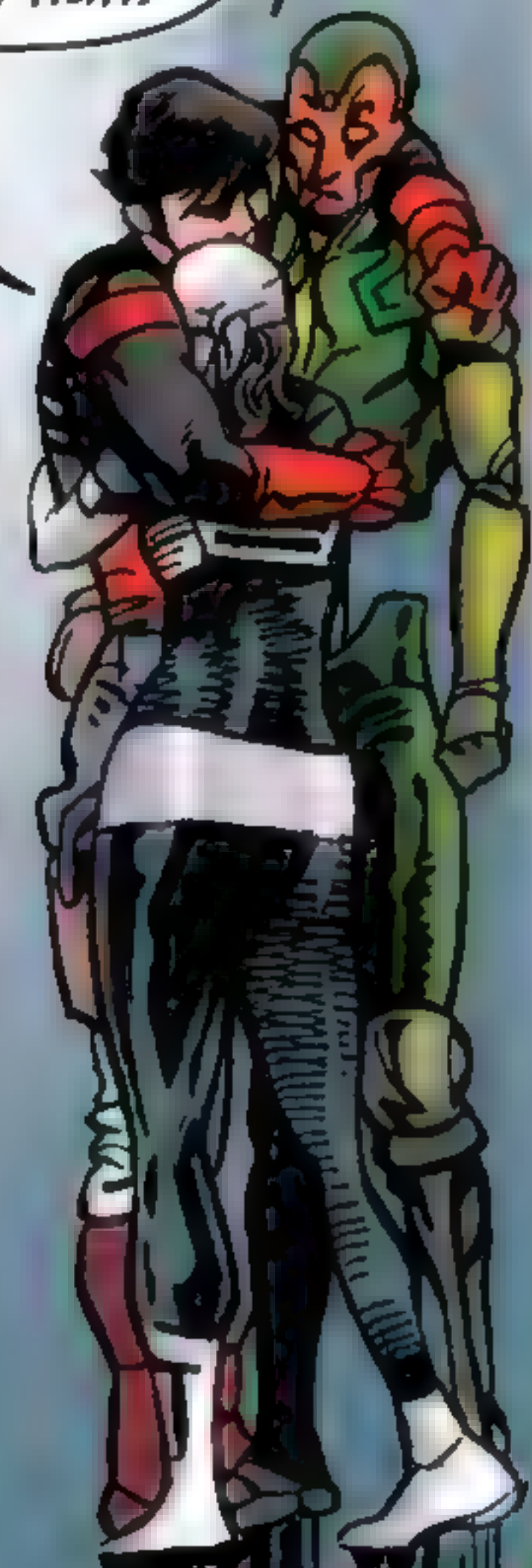
WE ARE
MANNING THE
TOWER WITH WHAT
WE HAVE AND DEPLOYING
EVERY AVENGER YOUR
TEAM WAS ABLE TO
GATHER, MR. STARK.

WELL DONE
ON THAT, BY
THE WAY.

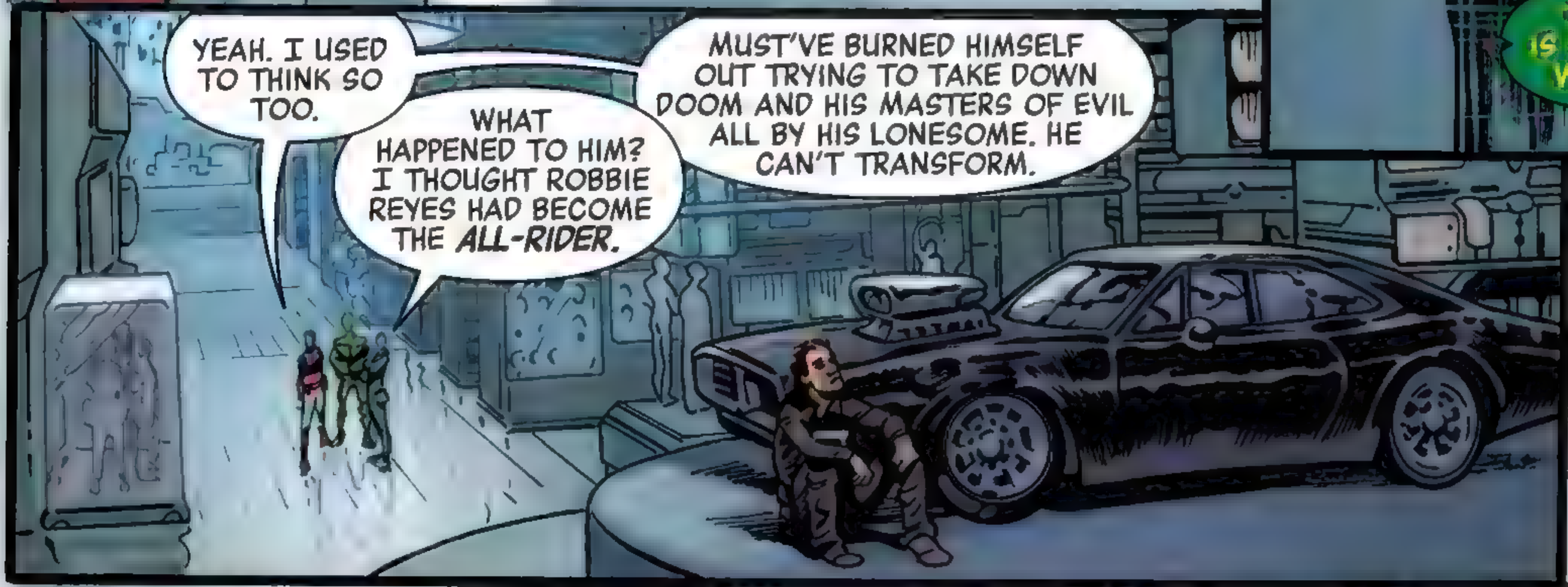
STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S
REALLY YOU, MOON KNIGHT.
AND VIZ. I KNEW Y'ALL
WERE STILL ALIVE OUT HERE
SOMEWHERE AFTER
GETTING SUCKED INTO
THAT PORTAL.

GOOD TO
SEE YOU TOO,
TONY. YOU SAY
YOU'RE SOBER
NOW, HUH?

*BUT YOU KNOW, IF YOU READ
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE ALPHA #1 --TOM



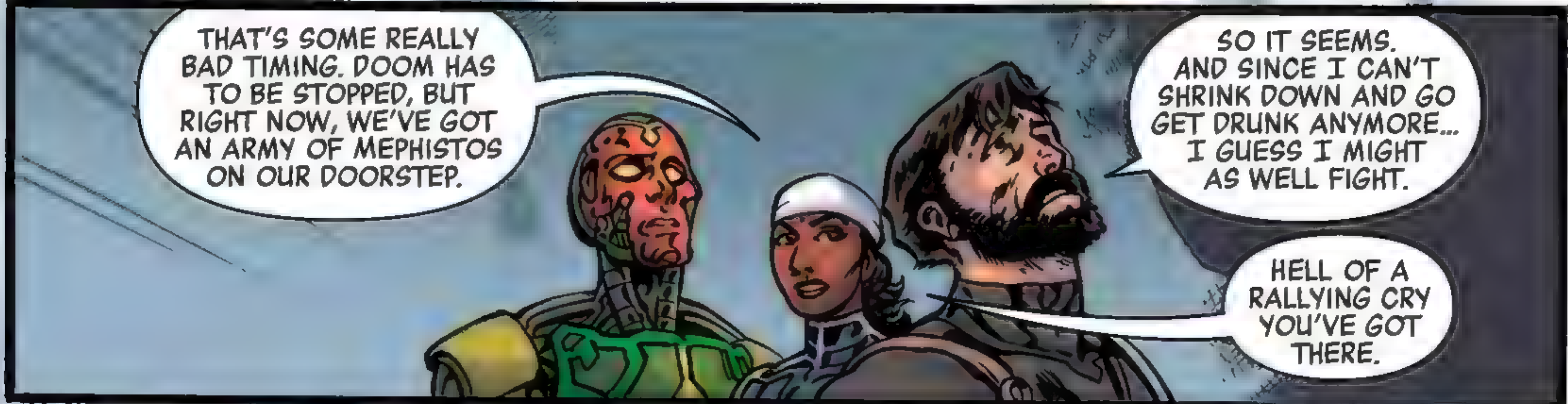
TRULY, IT
IS AN AGE OF
WONDERS



YEAH. I USED
TO THINK SO
TOO.

WHAT
HAPPENED TO HIM?
I THOUGHT ROBBIE
REYES HAD BECOME
THE ALL-RIDER.

MUST'VE BURNED HIMSELF
OUT TRYING TO TAKE DOWN
DOOM AND HIS MASTERS OF EVIL
ALL BY HIS LONESOME. HE
CAN'T TRANSFORM.



THAT'S SOME REALLY
BAD TIMING. DOOM HAS
TO BE STOPPED, BUT
RIGHT NOW, WE'VE GOT
AN ARMY OF MEPHISTOS
ON OUR DOORSTEP.

SO IT SEEMS.
AND SINCE I CAN'T
SHRINK DOWN AND GO
GET DRUNK ANYMORE...
I GUESS I MIGHT
AS WELL FIGHT.

HELL OF A
RALLYING CRY
YOU'VE GOT
THERE.



JUST TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT THIS WEIRD, OTHERWORLDLY CHUNK OF ROCK WE'RE ON OUT HERE...

THE GOD QUARRY. IT IS THE VERY BEDROCK OF CREATION. A BORDER BETWEEN OUR MYRIAD REALITIES AND THE FIRST FIRMAMENT THAT—

RIGHT, SURE, GOT IT. IN SUMMARY, IT'S IMPORTANT. BUT WHAT I REALLY WANNA KNOW IS...



...DO Y'ALL HAPPEN TO HAVE ANY ANTS LYING AROUND?

OH WOW, WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT? THIS PLACE REALLY DOES HAVE EVERYTHING.

KHONSHU HELP US. WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, TONY?



OH, YOU KNOW, MY USUAL.

SOMETHING HAPHAZARDLY PLANNED?

LUDICROUSLY DANGEROUS?



YOU TWO KNOW ME WELL.

WE SURE AS HELL DO.

SO, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?



YOU KNOW,
JUST ONCE, IT'D BE
NICE IF ONE OF YOUR
PLANS DIDN'T INVOLVE US
SHRINKING OURSELVES TO A
SIZE THAT MAKES US WAY
MORE **VULNERABLE**
TO ATTACK.

**ESPECIALLY
IN THE MIDST OF
A MULTIVERSAL
WAR**

CAN'T TALK
NOW! TOO BUSY
BEING AMAZING!

WE TUNNEL
UNDERNEATH THE
MEPHISTOS' MAIN POSITION.
TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE.
MAYBE TAKE OUT
THEIR LEADERSHIP.
EASY-PEASY.

**THAT IS
IF WE ARE NOT
CRUSHED TO DEATH
BENEATH A BEDROCK
OF FOSSILIZED
GODS**

REMIND ME
TO REWIRE YOU
TO BE MORE
OPTIMISTIC.

WE MUST
BE RIGHT UNDER
THE BATTLEFIELD.
SOUNDS LIKE ALL
HELL IS BREAKING
LOOSE UP
THERE.

WE ARE.
BUT THOSE
SOUNDS...

...THEY'RE
NOT COMING
FROM ABOVE.

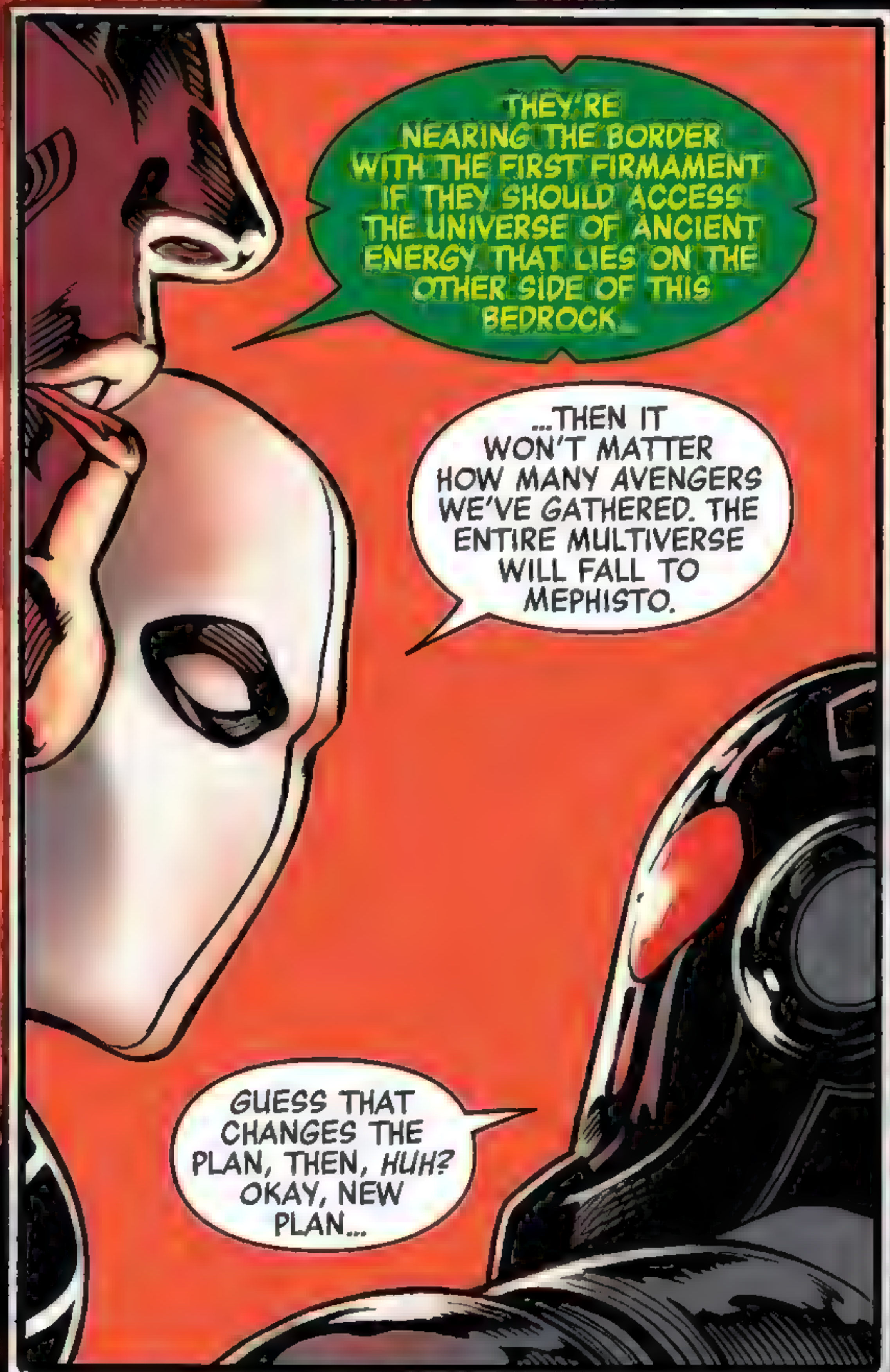


THE MEPHISTOS ARE DIGGING THEIR OWN TUNNEL. SEE-- TOLD YOU IT WAS A GOOD PLAN.

YEAH, BUT THEY'RE NOT TRYING TO DIG UNDERNEATH US.



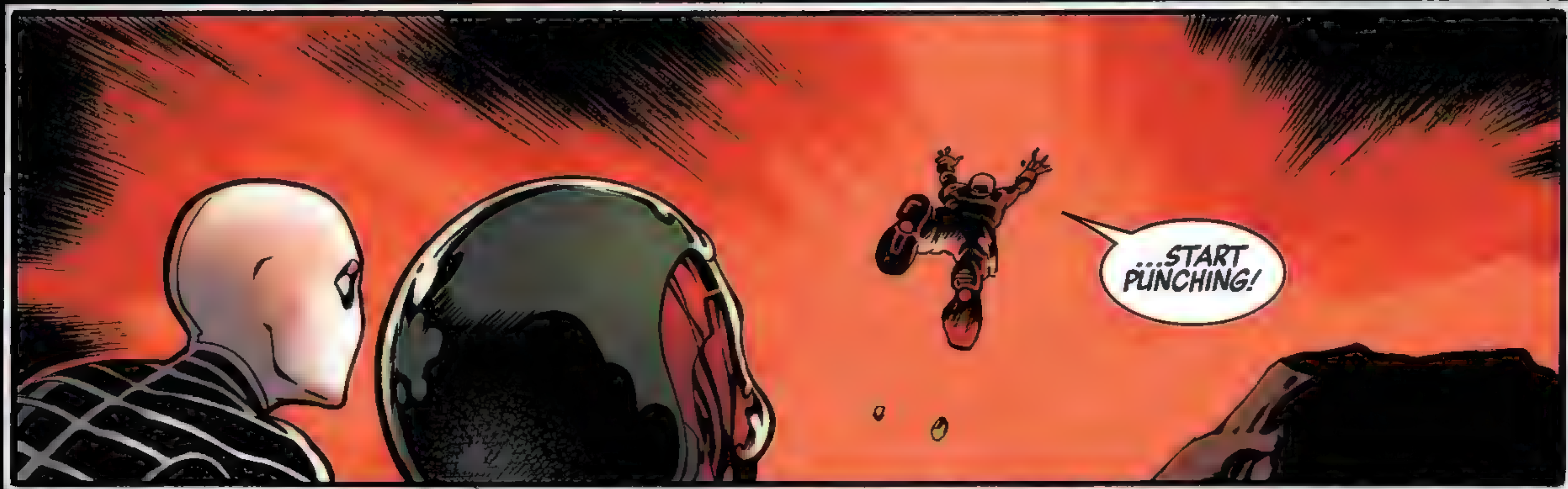
THEY'RE DIGGING STRAIGHT DOWN.



THEY'RE NEARING THE BORDER WITH THE FIRST FIRMAMENT IF THEY SHOULD ACCESS THE UNIVERSE OF ANCIENT ENERGY THAT LIES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS BEDROCK.

...THEN IT WON'T MATTER HOW MANY AVENGERS WE'VE GATHERED. THE ENTIRE MULTIVERSE WILL FALL TO MEPHISTO.

GUESS THAT CHANGES THE PLAN, THEN, HUH? OKAY, NEW PLAN...



...START PUNCHING!



AN ARMY OF SCREAMING DEVILS.
AVENGERS FROM ALL OVER
CREATION. MAKES THIS A BATTLE
UNLIKE ANY OTHER.

ONLY ONE WAY
TO WIN A FRACAS
LIKE THAT.

VIZ,
TAKE TONY
AND GO!

WE CANNOT
LEAVE YOU BEHIND,
MOON KNIGHT.

HE'S OUR
ONLY STARK--
HE'S ONE OF THE
PILLARS! WE CAN'T
WIN THIS WITHOUT
HIM!

PEOPLE FIGHTING THE
GOOD FIGHT GOTTA
DIG DEEP. GOTTA BLEED
BUCKETFULS. SOME OF
'EM GOTTA BLEED
EVERY LAST DROP.

BUT EVEN A FEW
GOOD DEATHS WON'T
BE ENOUGH. NOT
AGAINST THIS.

I'M
JUST A FIST OF
KHONSHU. WHOEVER
SAID WE WERE
IMPORTANT?

CAN'T
BELIEVE I'M
GOING TO DIE SO
FAR FROM THE
MOONLIGHT!

TO WIN, YOU
NEED LUCK ON
YOUR SIDE.

THE COSMIC
KIND.

THE HIGH-
OCTANE FIRES-
OF-CHAOS KIND.

HEY,
DOWN
THERE!

WHAT ARE
YOU BOYS
DOING HIDING
DOWN BELOW
WHEN THE
PARTY'S UP
TOP?!

LUCKY FOR US...
FIERY CHAOS IS
WHAT I DO BEST.

COME ON UP,
MEPHISTOS.

OLD MAN
PHOENIX AND A
FEW OF HIS FRIENDS
WOULD LIKE
A WORD.







OVER THE COURSE OF 540 MILLION YEARS, THE EARTH HAS SEEN AT LEAST FIVE MAJOR **MASS EXTINCTION EVENTS** LAY WASTE TO MUCH OF THE LIFE ACROSS THE FACE OF THE PLANET.

PRETTY SURE THAT WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE **RIGHT NOW**, IN THE MIDST OF THE PREHISTORIC STONE AGE...COULD WIND UP BEING NUMBER SIX.

ACCORDING TO MY ARMOR'S INTERNAL CLOCK, THIS BATTLE HAS BEEN RAGING FOR NINE DAYS STRAIGHT. SEEMS LIKE **MONTHS** TO ME.

I HAVEN'T SLEPT A WINK, UNLESS YOU COUNT BEING KNOCKED **UNCONSCIOUS** A COUPLE TIMES.

I CAN'T BEGIN TO IMAGINE THE CATASTROPHIC DAMAGE WE COULD BE DOING TO OUR OWN TIMELINE WITH EVERY REPULSOR BLAST AND HAMMER STRIKE.

BUT I SUPPOSE THAT ONLY MATTERS...IF WE **WIN**. AND SO FAR...

...IT'S HARD TO
TELL IF THAT'S
WHAT'S HAPPENING.

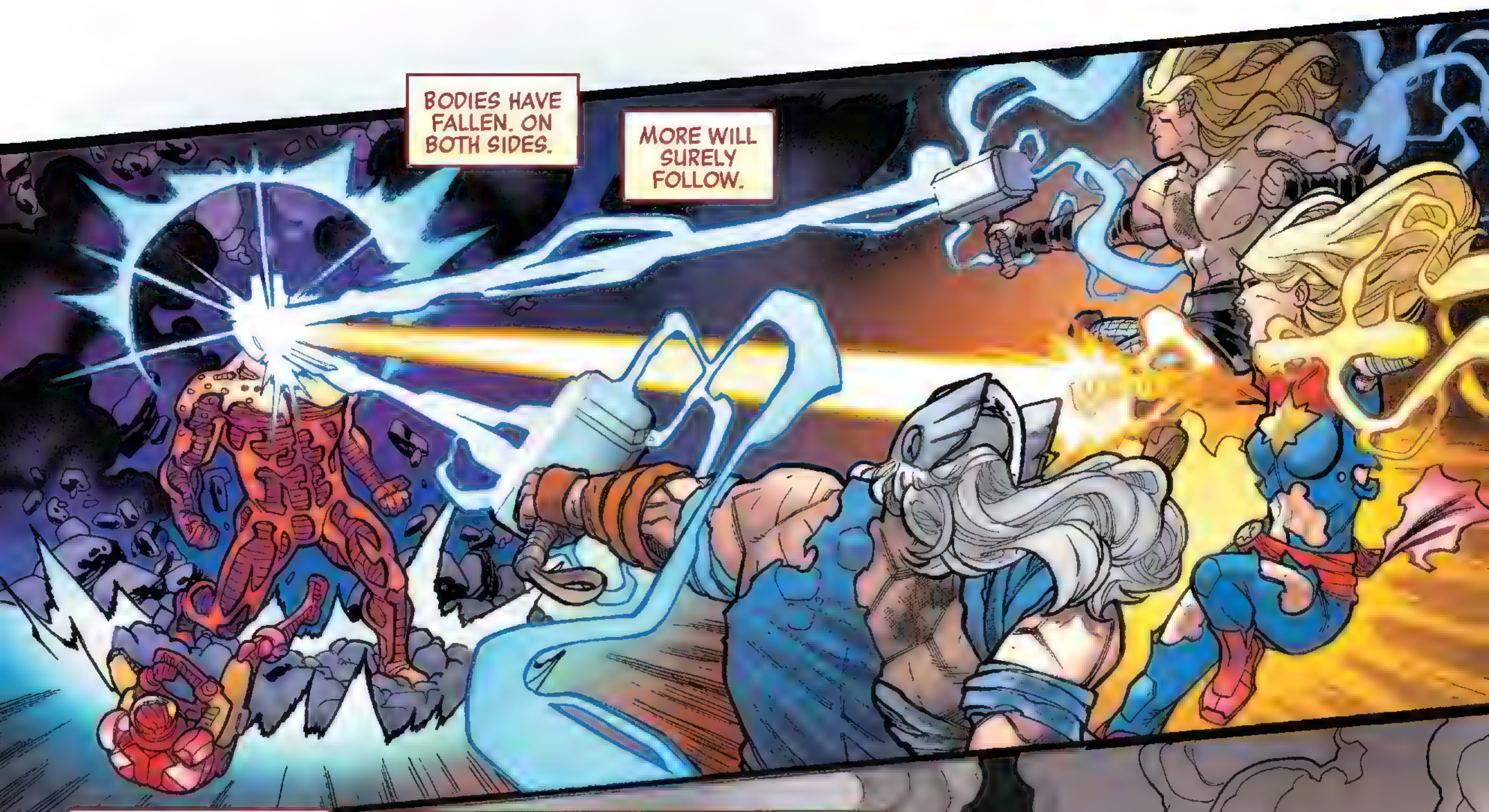
STARK, YOU
BRITTLE WORM!
I THOUGHT I
KILLED YOU THREE
DAYS AGO!

MAYBE YOU DID!
WOULD EXPLAIN
THE SMELL!

ARRGH, CAN'T
HOLD IT FOR LONG!
TAKE THE SHOT!

WE'RE ALL WORN DOWN
TO A NUB. EVEN THE BEST
OF US. EVEN THE GODS.

FOR
THE GHOST
RIDER.



BODIES HAVE
FALLEN. ON
BOTH SIDES.

MORE WILL
SURELY
FOLLOW.

THERE IS NO HOPE OF
SURRENDER HERE. NO
CHANCE IN HELL FOR
RECONCILIATION.

GAAARGH!

NOT AS LONG
AS OUR ENEMIES ARE
STILL ABLE TO RISE.



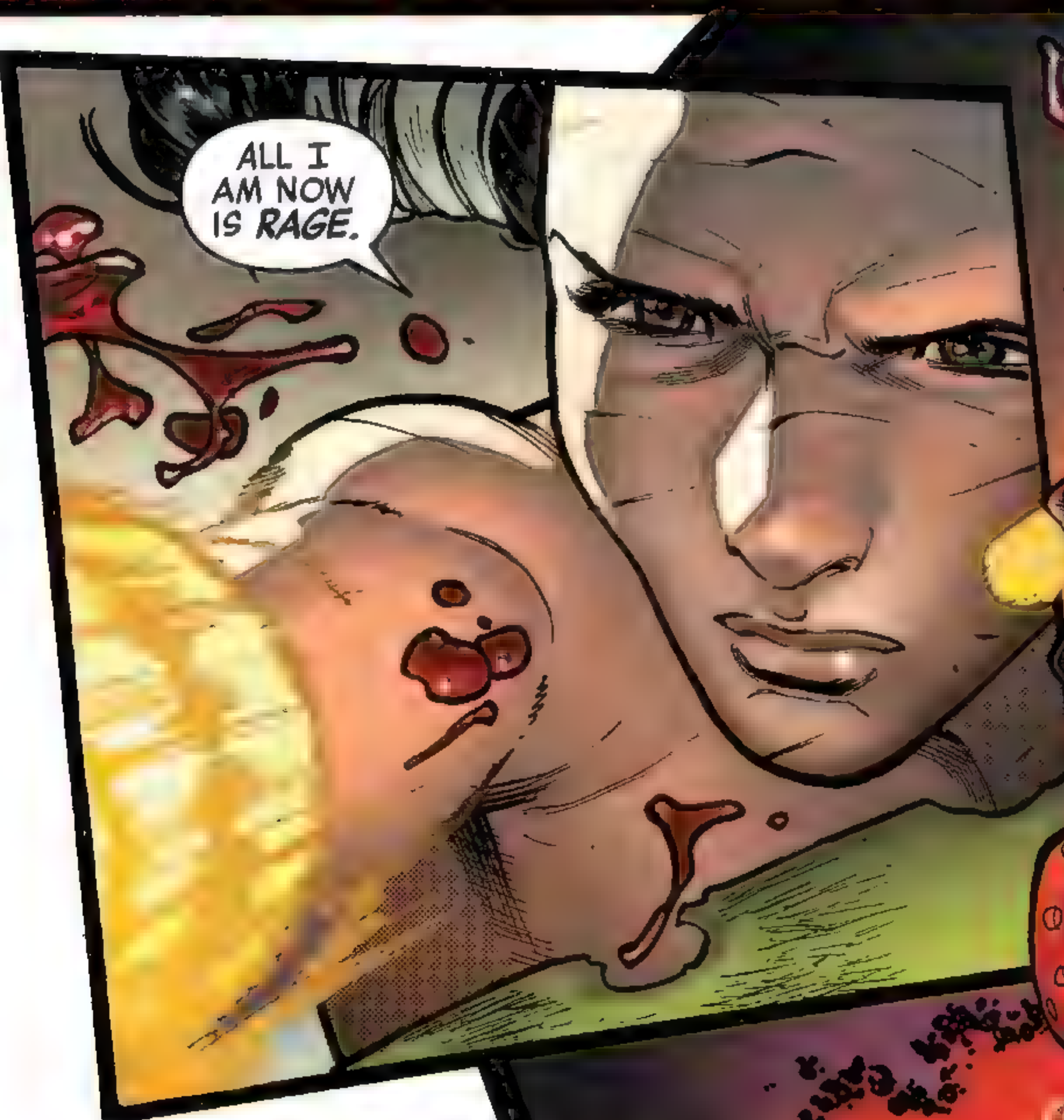
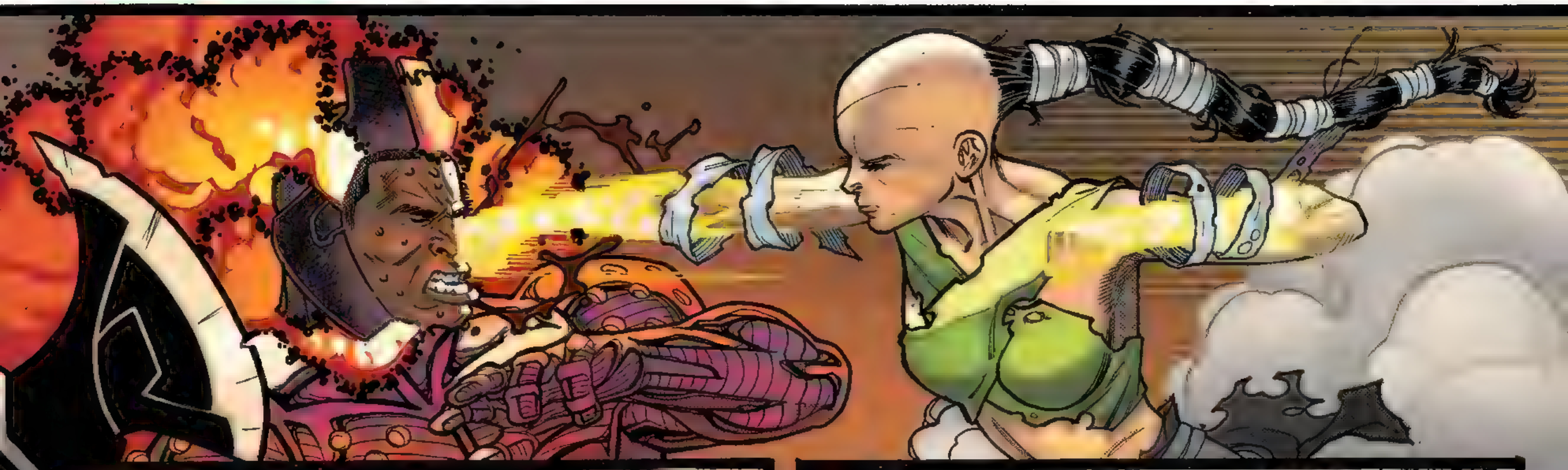
ALL YOU'VE
JUST ENSURED FOR
YOURSELVES IS A BETTER
VIEW OF MY GRINNING
FACE...AS I BURY MY
AX IN YOUR
SKULLS!

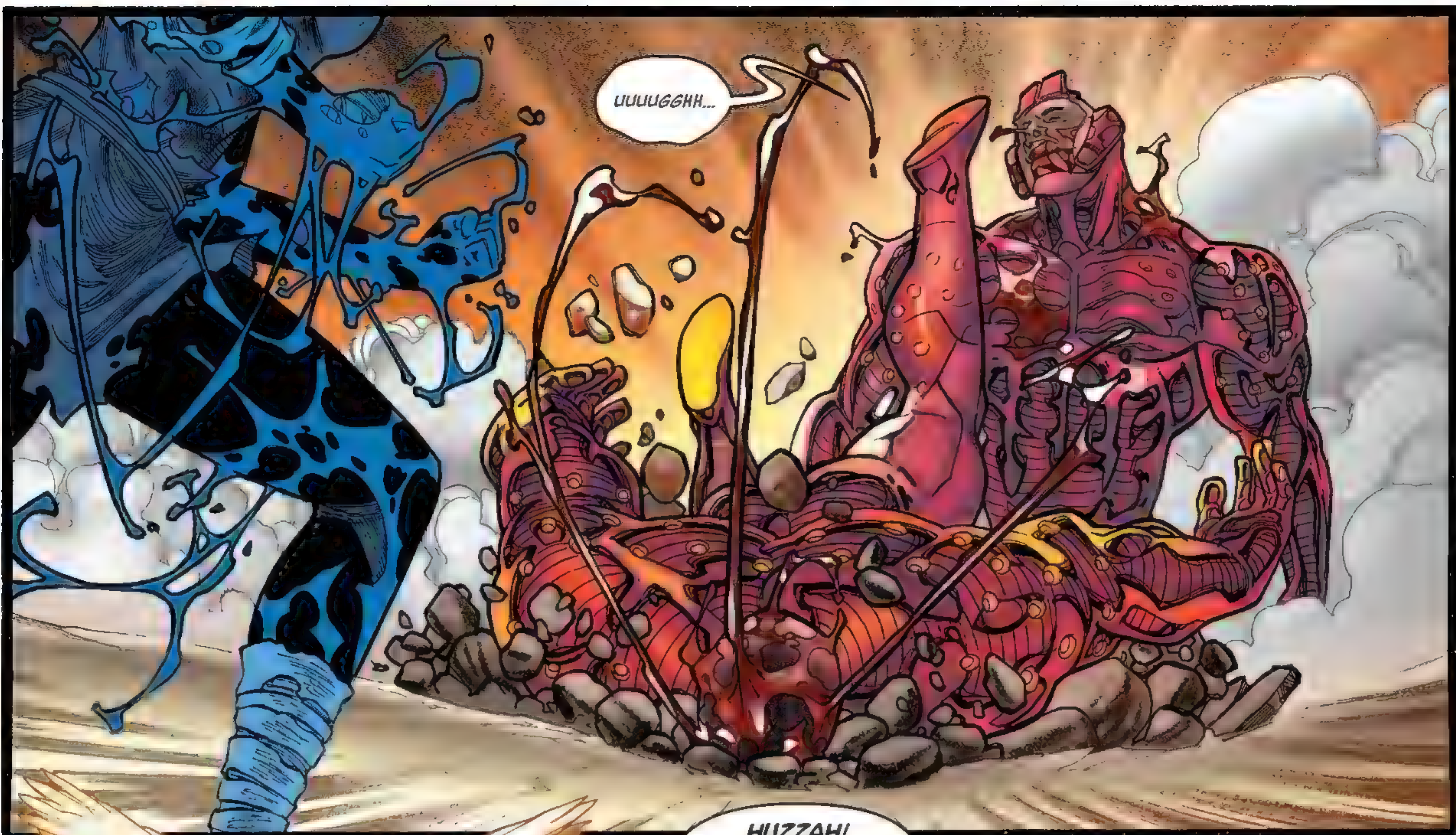
SO WE DO EVERYTHING
IN OUR NOT-
INCONSIDERABLE POWER...



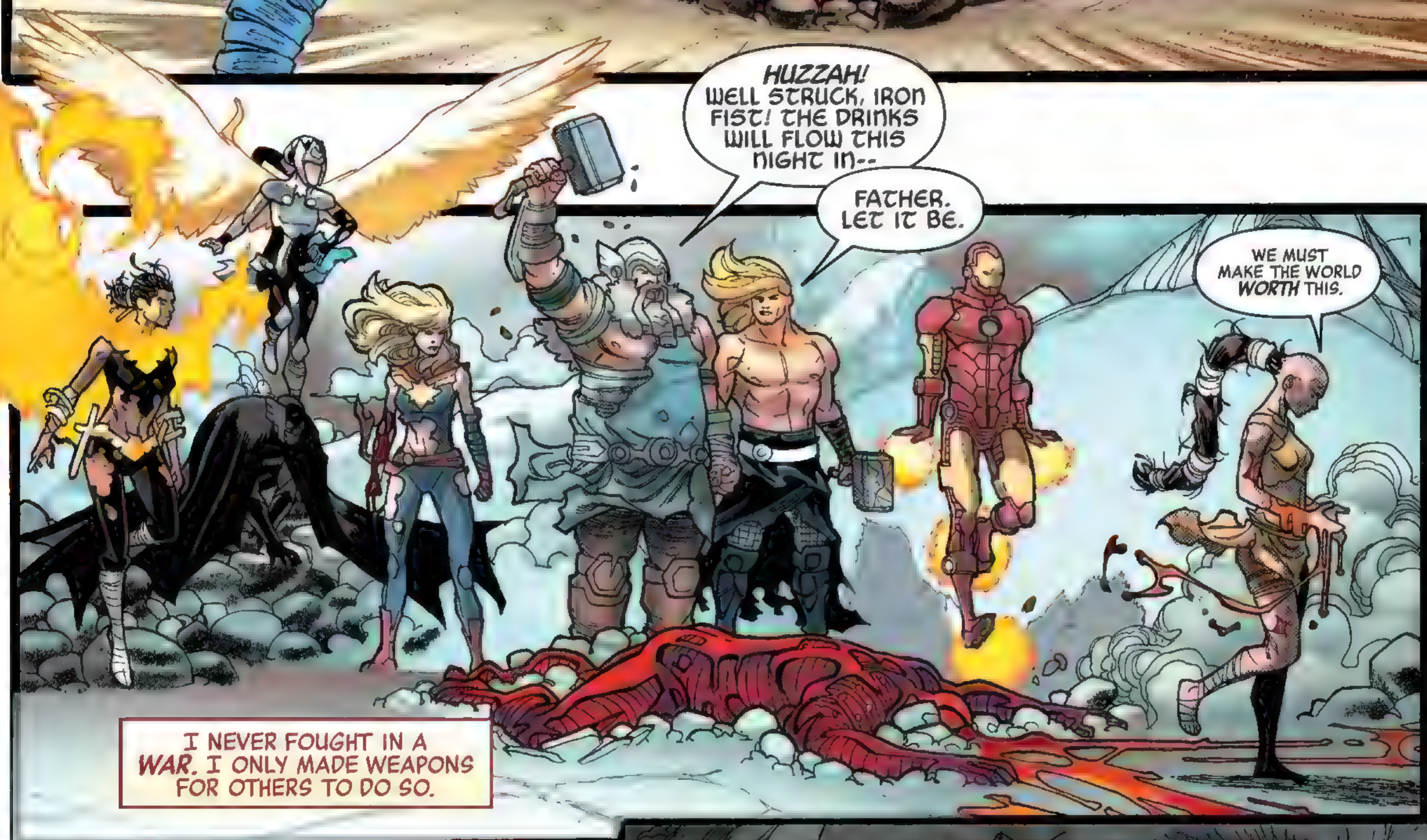
...TO SEE THAT
THEY CAN'T.

GREAT
DRAGON, BLESS
THE FISTS OF
THY FIST.





UUUUUGHH...



HUZZAH!
WE'VE STRUCK, IRON
FIST! THE DRINKS
WILL FLOW THIS
NIGHT IN--

FATHER.
LET IT BE.

WE MUST
MAKE THE WORLD
WORTH THIS.

I NEVER FOUGHT IN A
WAR. I ONLY MADE WEAPONS
FOR OTHERS TO DO SO.



MY FATHER ALWAYS
TOLD ME THAT GOOD
WEAPONS SAVE LIVES.

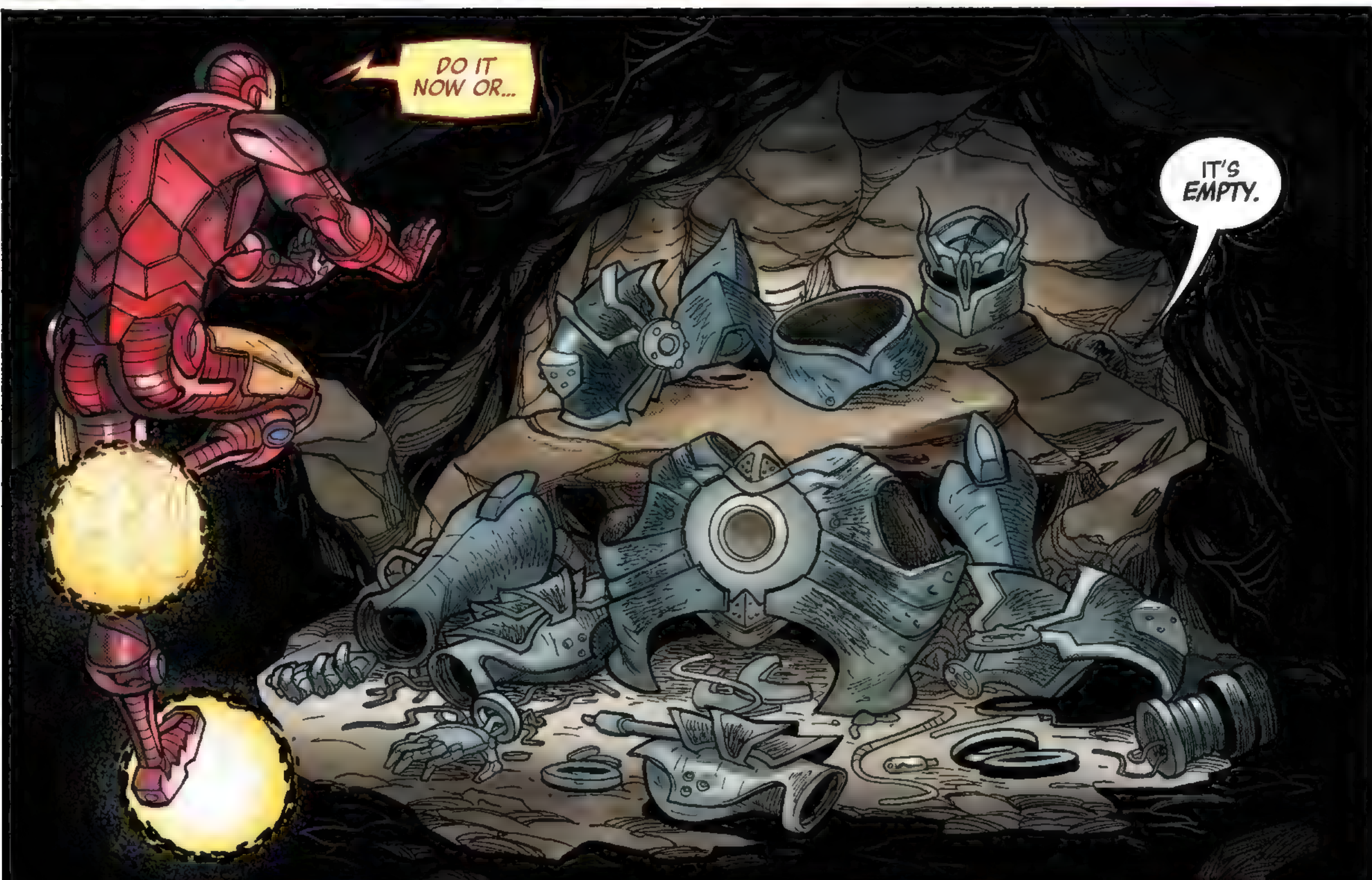
BUT THAT'S ONLY
A POLITE WAY OF
SAYING THAT THE
MORE EFFICIENTLY
YOU *SLAUGHTER*
YOUR ENEMIES...

...THE MORE LIKELY
YOU ARE TO COME
HOME ALIVE.

TONY...



STAND DOWN,
WHOEVER THE HELL
YOU ARE!



DO IT
NOW OR...

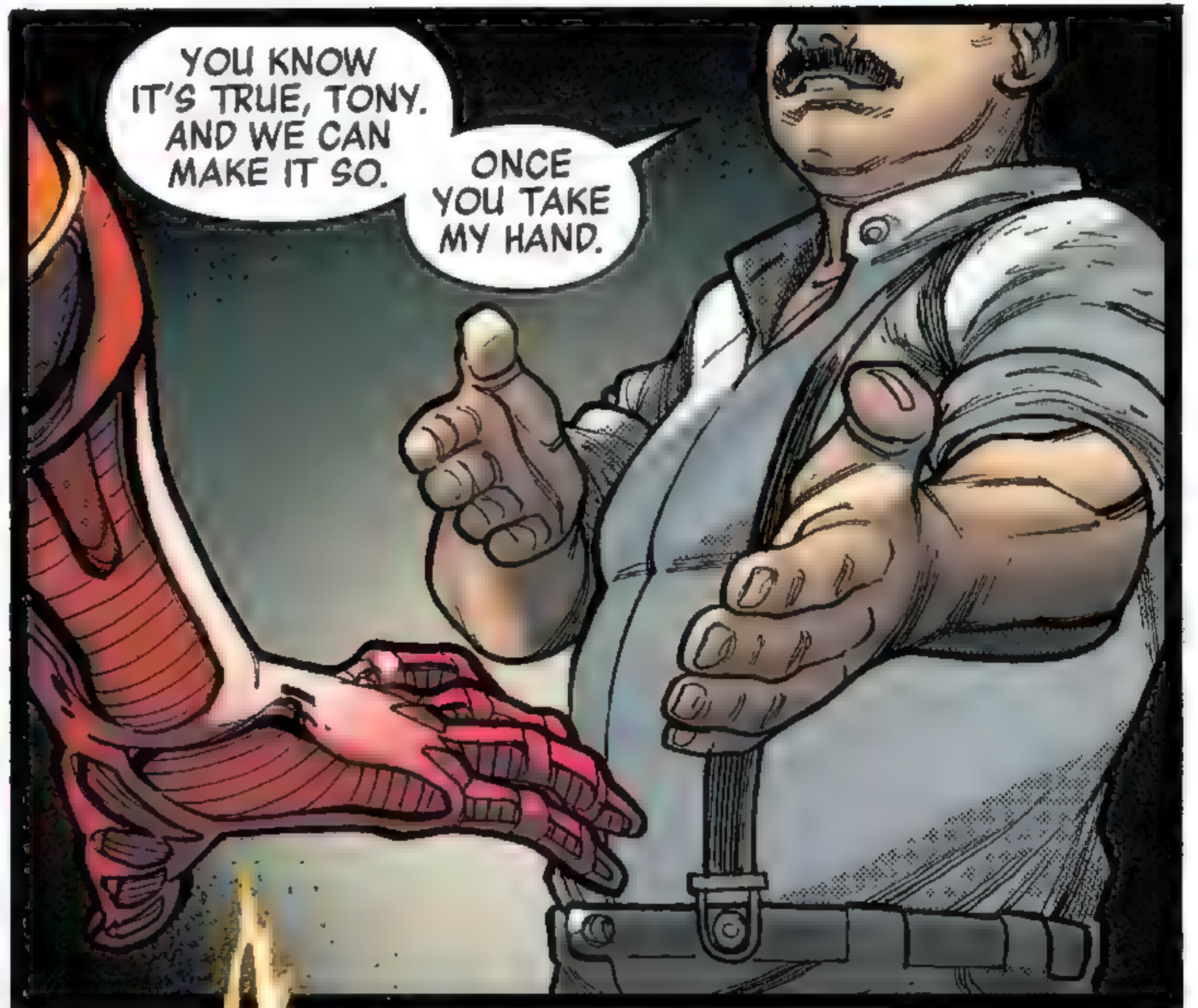
IT'S
EMPTY.



THIS IS ME,
TONY. THIS IS
ME STANDING
DOWN.

THIS IS YOUR
FATHER, **HOWARD
STARK**, HERE TO DO
WHAT I'VE ALWAYS
DONE, BOY.

HERE TO
**SAVE YOU FROM
YOURSELF.**





THAT'S IT?
"JOIN ME, LUKE,
AND TOGETHER, WE'LL
BRING ORDER TO THE
GALAXY." THAT'S ALL
YOU'VE GOT?

DID YOU
REALLY THINK
THAT WOULD WORK,
ALT-HOWARD?

NO, CAN'T
SAY AS I DID,
BECAUSE ON ANY
EARTH...YOU'RE
STILL A MORON,
BOY.

AAARRRGGGH!!!

BUT MEPHISTO
WANTED ME TO TRY.
HE ALWAYS HAD SUCH
HIGH HOPES FOR
YOU.

CAN'T SAY
I EVER FELT
THE SAME.



E.M.P. RENDERED YOUR
TECH USELESS. THAT
MEANS NO MORE
ARMOR TO HIDE
BEHIND, TONY.



GET UP,
SON.

GUUGH!

YOU
WANNA WIN
THIS FIGHT...



...YOU'LL
HAVE TO DO
IT LIKE A
MAN.



YOU
CALL THIS
RESTRAINED?

ALL
THIS TIME,
I'VE RESTRAINED
THE SYMBIOTE! SO
AS NOT TO LOSE THE
BEAUTIFUL MIND OF
JOHANN SHMIDT
TO AN ALIEN
MONSTER!



BUT NO
MORE!

ARRRRGGGH!!!
YEEEEESSS!
NOW THE BLACK SKULL
WILL HAVE SOME
FUN!



YOU'RE
RIGHT ABOUT
ONE THING,
SKULL.



HSSSSSSSSSSSS





I THINK OF
SPIDER-MAN'S
DUMB JOKES.

KAMALA'S
SMILE.

PATSY'S
KISSES.

BEN'S POKER GAMES AND
FURY'S STEAK-AND-BEAN
DINNERS AND A NIGHT SPENT
RINGSIDE AT UNLIMITED
CLASS WRESTLING WITH THOR
AND CAROL, CHEERING TILL
OUR THROATS ARE RAW.

RACING RHODEY.
RACING ROBBIE.

WATCHING
RIRI WORK.

HOLDING LUKE
AND JESSICA'S
BABY FOR THE
VERY FIRST TIME.

THE SMELL OF JARVIS'
GINGER CAKES WAFTING
THROUGH THE MANSION.

THE CLINK OF MY
SHIRLEY TEMPLE
AGAINST STEVE'S BEER.

I THINK OF EVERYTHING
THAT GETS *ERASED* IF
WE LOSE THIS WAR
FOR THE DAWN.

AND I KNOW THOSE
MOMENTS ARE
WORTH EVERY LAST
DROP OF BLOOD.

THE ONES
I BLEED.

AND THE ONES
I'M GONNA HAVE
TO *SPILL*.



FIGHTING
MY OWN FATHER.
FOR THE FATE OF
HUMAN HISTORY.

SOMEHOW,
I ALWAYS KNEW
IT WOULD COME
DOWN TO THIS.

WHAT IT
COMES DOWN
TO...

...IS
IRON MAN...
BEING SOFT!

UUGH!

THE
HELL I
AM!

I SURVIVED
YOU, DIDN'T
I?!

THIS IS
WORTH...
...EVERY
DOLLAR...

...IT'S
GONNA
COST ME...
...IN
THERAPY!



THE DARK PHOENIX HAS THE POWER TO TORCH THE ENTIRE PLANET!

HOLD NOTHING BACK, JANE FOSTER!



WASN'T PLANNING TO!

IT'S MONSTERS LIKE YOU THAT GIVE THE PHOENIX A BAD NAME!

IT WANTS TO BE A FORCE FOR GOOD! FOR LIFE!



HA, IT ONLY TELLS YOU THAT TO KEEP YOU DOCILE, ECHO!



LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT THE PHOENIX THINKS OF LIFE!

NO... LET ME SHOW YOU...

I HEAR YOU,
PHOENIX. EVEN
FROM ACROSS
THE YEARS.

AND BY THE
POWER OF THE
VISHANTI AND THE
AUTHORITY OF THE
ALLIED POWERS...

...LET THE
MYSTIC ARTS OF
SGT. SZARDOS
COME NOW TO
YOUR AID.

1943.



1868.

YEAH, AND
Y'ALL GOT
OUR GUNS TOO,
ECHO!

THE SIX-
SHOOTERS AND
SHOTGUN OF RENO
PHOENIX AND THE
STARBRAND
KID!



1655.

AND
SO TOO MY
BLADES.

SO
SWEARS
THE GHOST
RONIN.



RRROOOOOWWOAAAR!!!

66 MILLION B.C.E.





DARK PHOENIX!

ON BEHALF
OF THIS EARTH
AND ITS LEGACY
OF WONDERS...



**"PREPARE
TO BURN!"**

GRRGH!
THE SYMBIOTE
FLOWS LIKE LIVING
TAR! WE CANNOT
HOLD IT!

THOOM THOOM



THAT
WILL HOLD THE
BEAST.

WE
NEED FIRE!
TO BURN IT OFF
THANOS!

QUICKLY,
SOMEBODY,
GIVE US ALL THE
FIRE YOU'VE
GOT!



AAAAARRGGGGH!!!

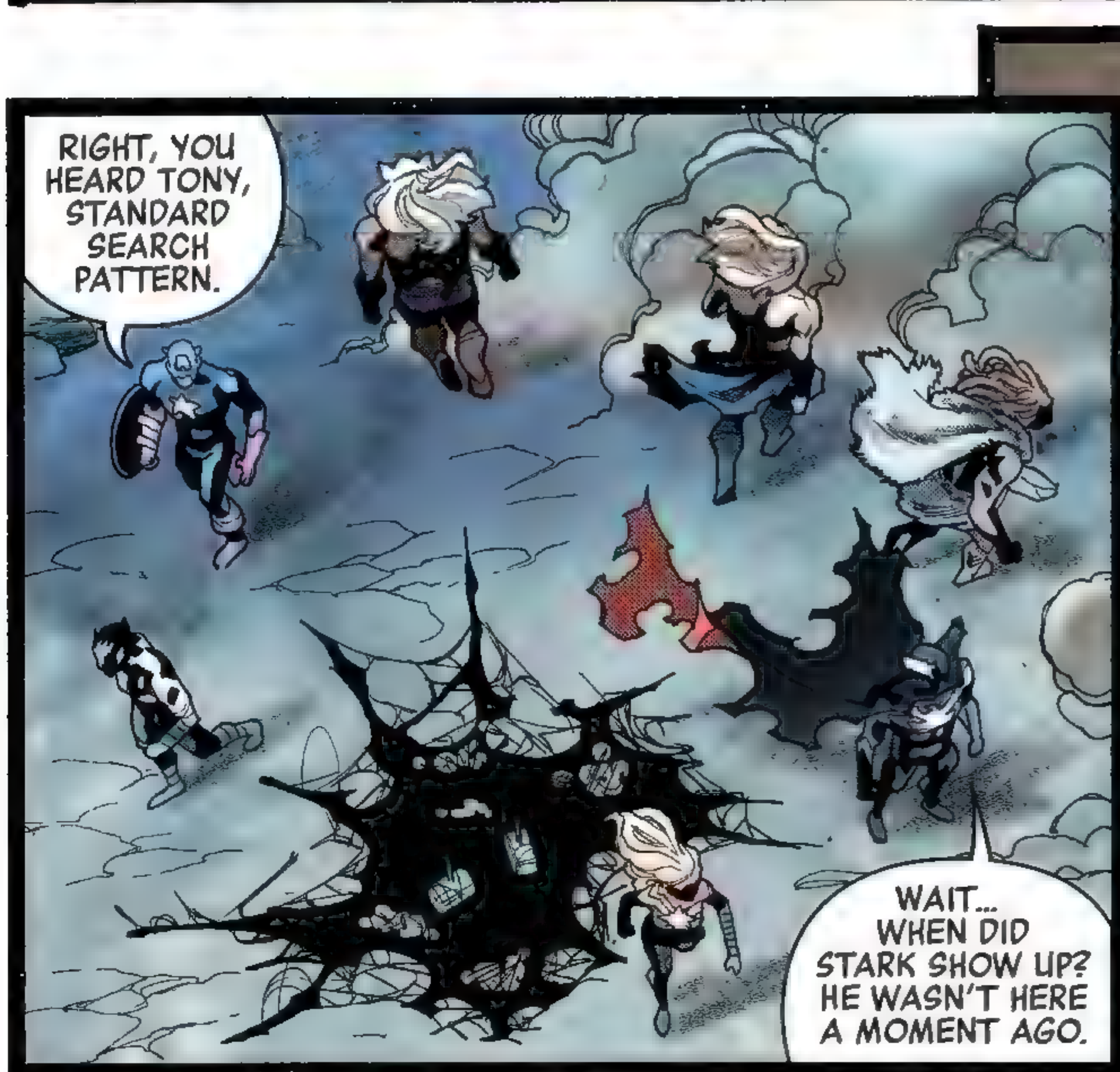


THE SYMBIOTE
IS STILL TRAPPED
UNDER THE MJOLNIRS,
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE
KID THANOS SLIPPED
AWAY.

AND WHAT
OF THE DARK
PHOENIX?



LET'S...SPREAD
OUT. SHE CAN'T
HAVE GOTTEN FAR.



RIGHT, YOU
HEARD TONY,
STANDARD
SEARCH
PATTERN.

WAIT...
WHEN DID
STARK SHOW UP?
HE WASN'T HERE
A MOMENT AGO.



CANNOT
STOP NOW. I'VE
CARRIED THIS FIRE
SO LONG, KILLED
SO MANY IN ITS
NAME.

NO,
IN MY
NAME.





MURDERERS ALWAYS THINK IT TAKES *COURAGE* TO BE THEM. THERE'S NOTHING BRAVE ABOUT BEING A PIECE OF *HUMAN GARBAGE*.

I'M NOT PUTTING YOU OUT OF THE MISERY YOU'VE BUILT FOR YOURSELF, HOWARD. BUT I WILL TAKE YOU UP ON YOUR OFFER FROM BEFORE.



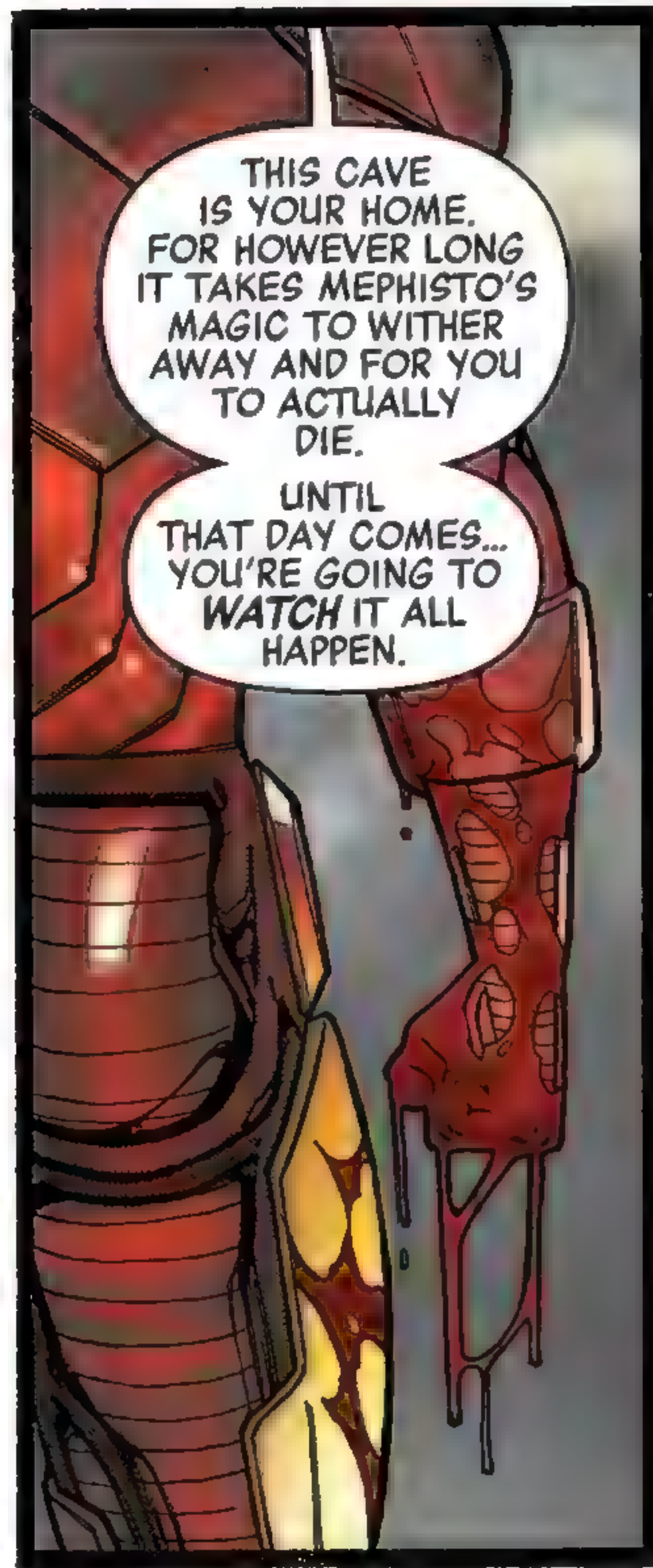
I BELIEVE YOU ASKED ME TO TAKE YOUR HAND.

AAAARRRRGGGH!!!



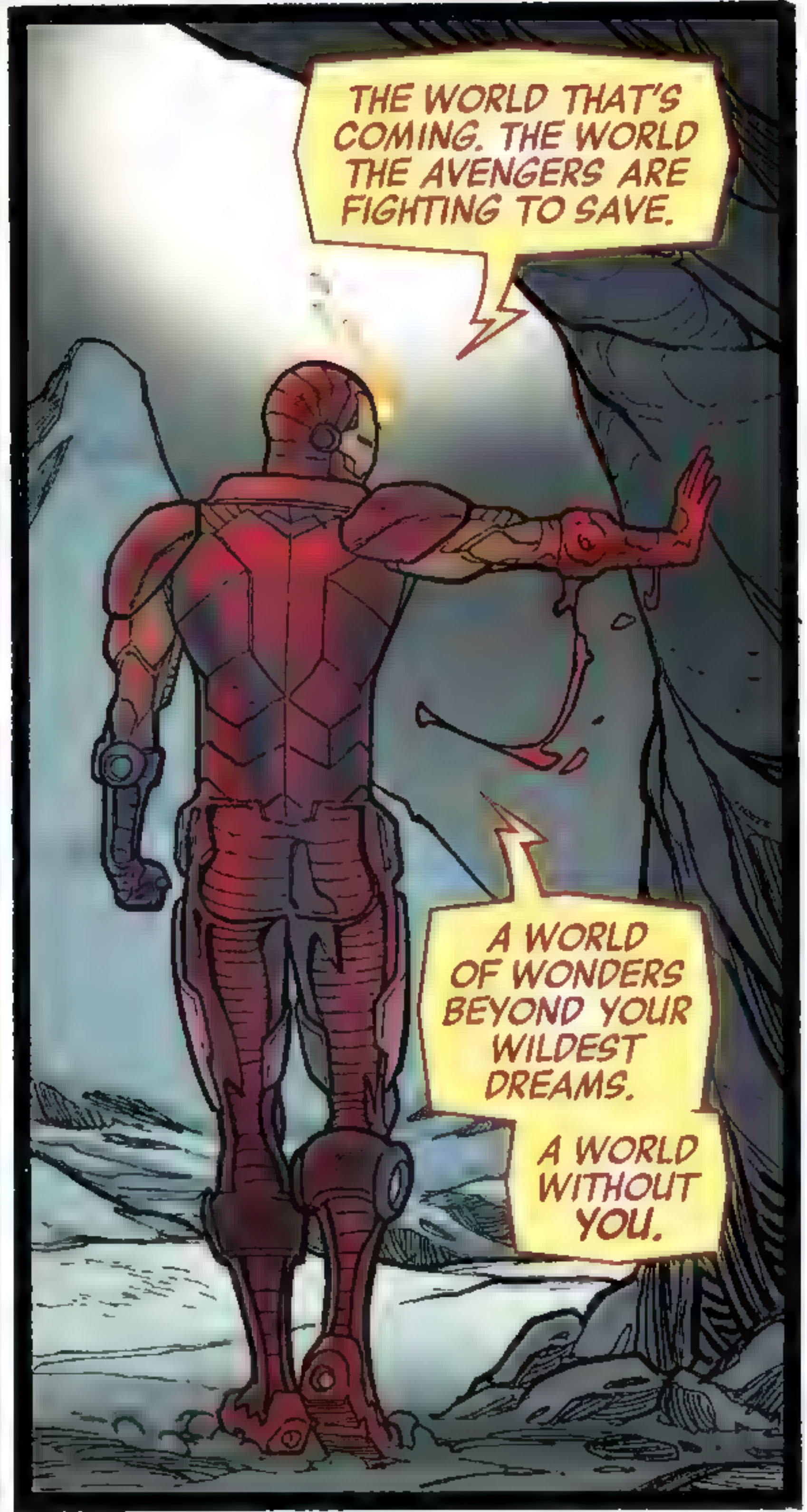
YOUR ARMOR IS RUINED. AND WITH THOSE HANDS, YOU WON'T BE REBUILDING IT.

INSTEAD, YOU'RE GONNA SIT RIGHT HERE.



THIS CAVE IS YOUR HOME. FOR HOWEVER LONG IT TAKES MEPHISTO'S MAGIC TO WITHER AWAY AND FOR YOU TO ACTUALLY DIE.

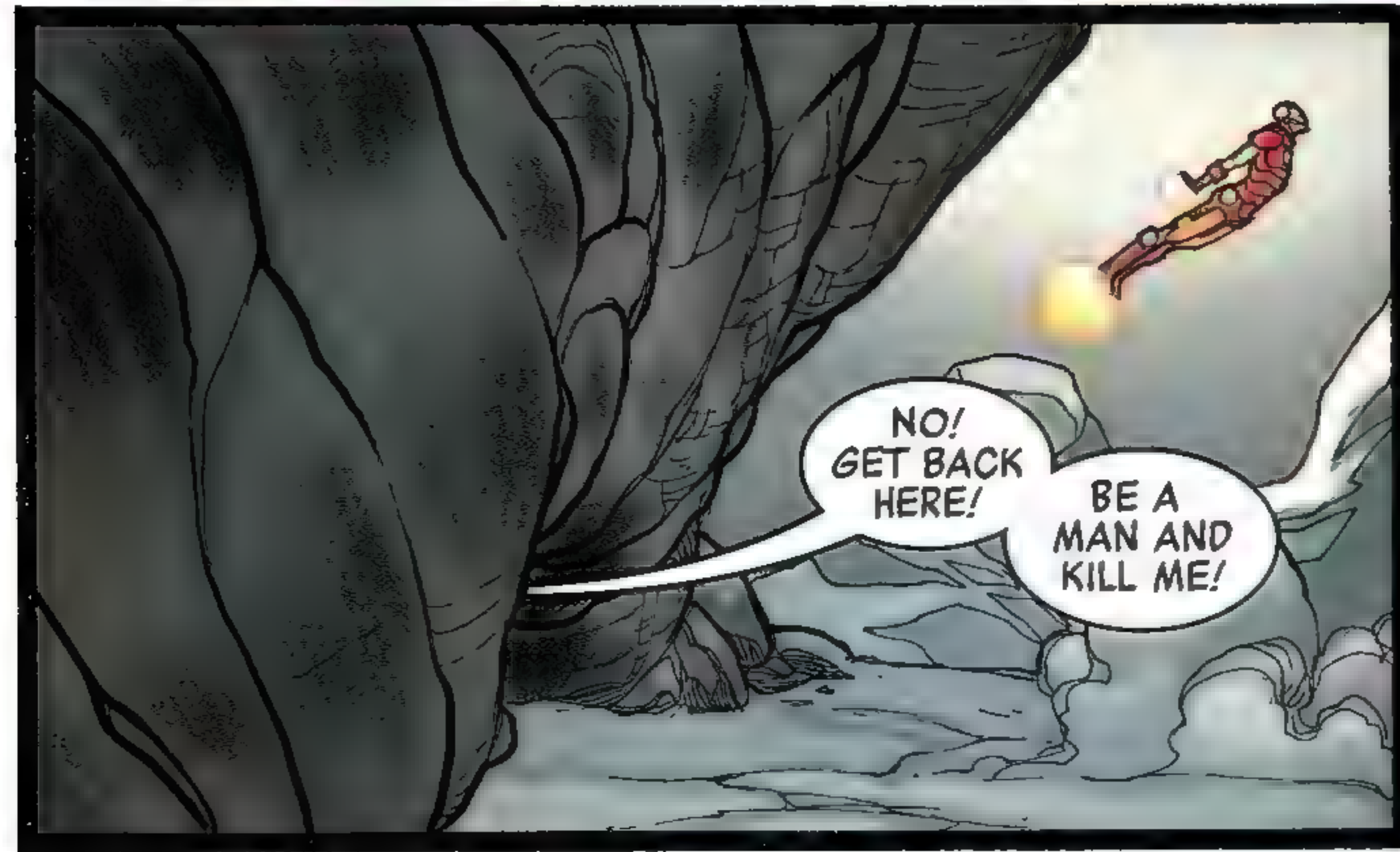
UNTIL THAT DAY COMES... YOU'RE GOING TO WATCH IT ALL HAPPEN.



THE WORLD THAT'S COMING. THE WORLD THE AVENGERS ARE FIGHTING TO SAVE.

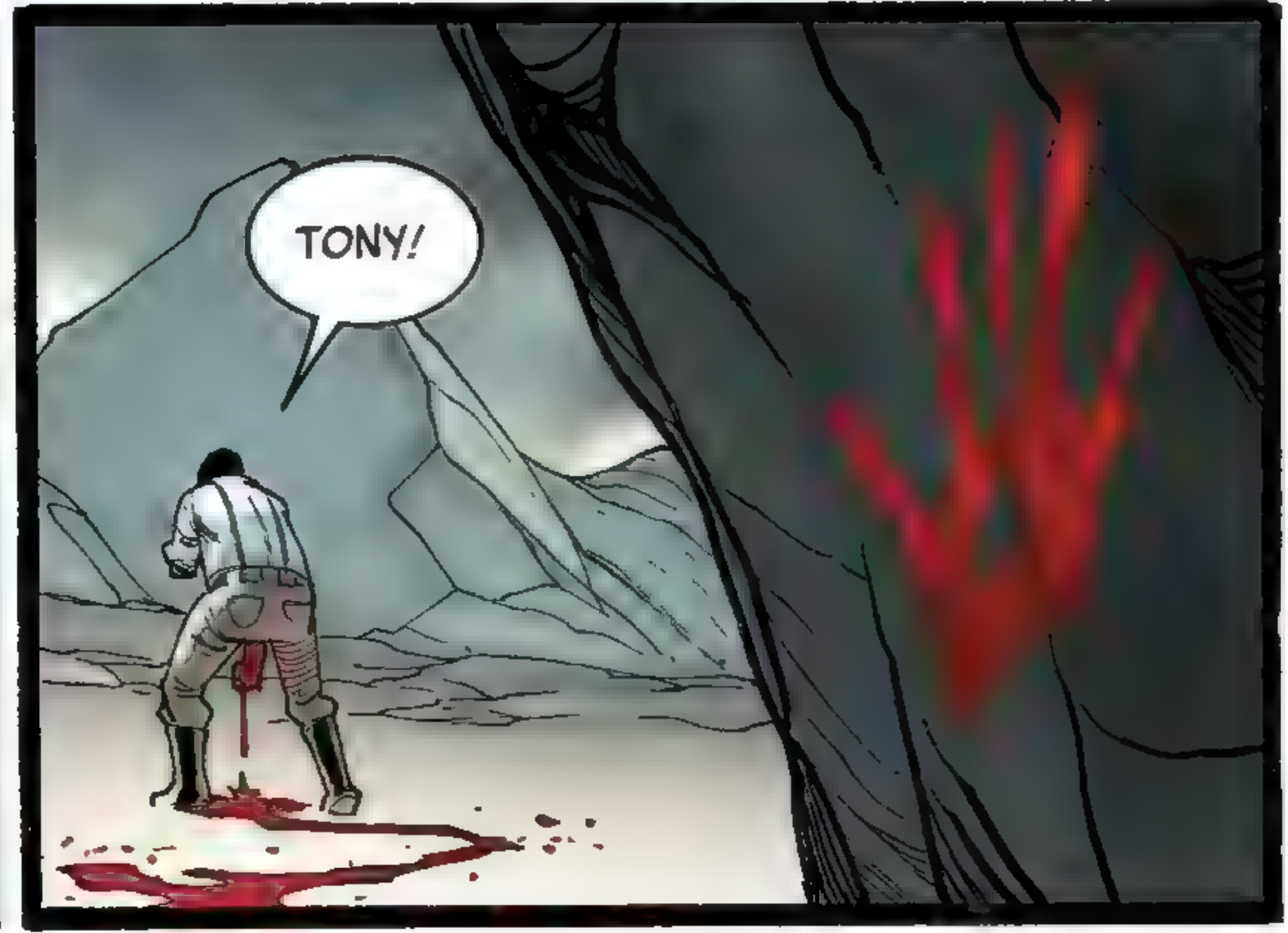
A WORLD OF WONDERS BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS.

A WORLD WITHOUT YOU.

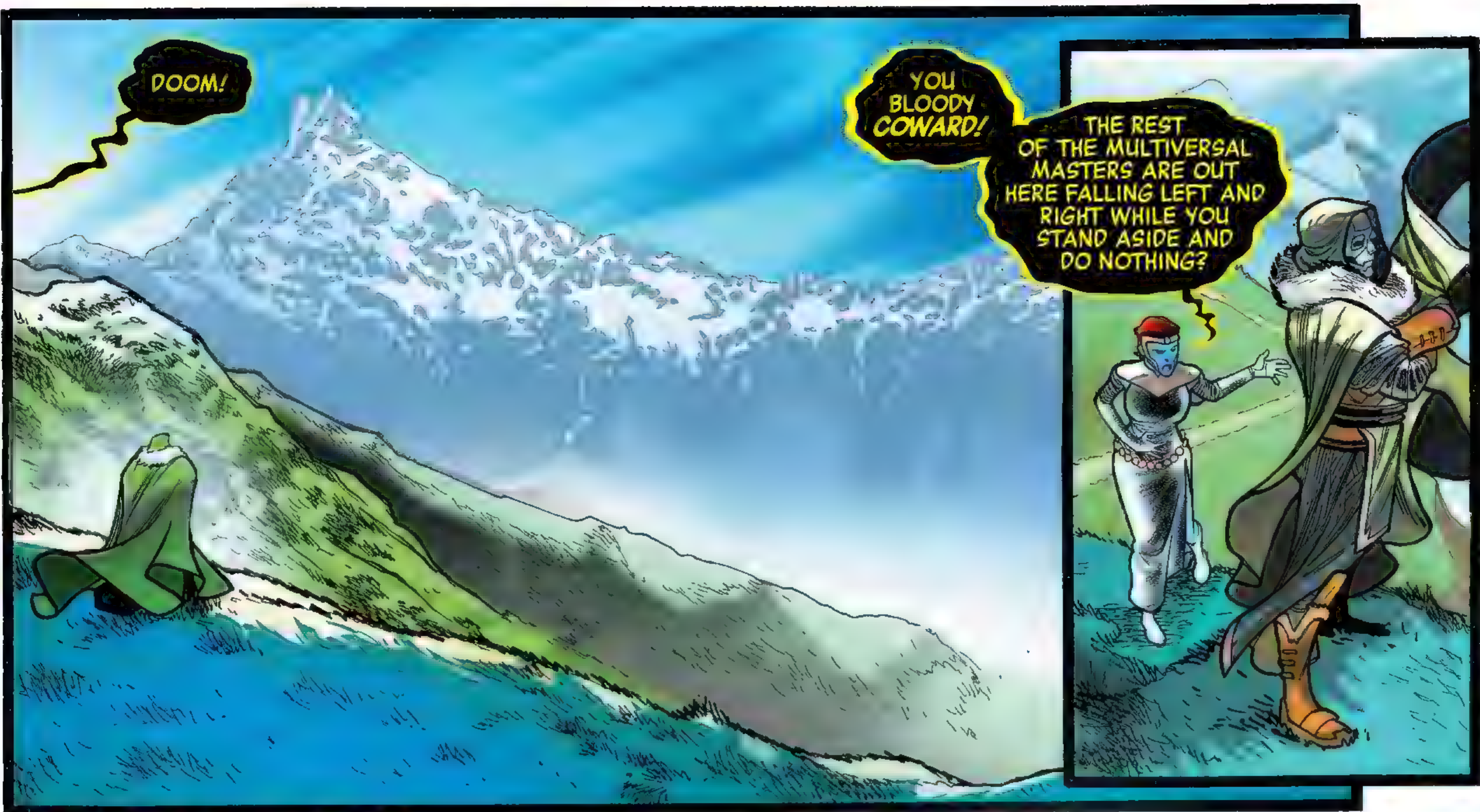


NO! GET BACK HERE!

BE A MAN AND KILL ME!



TONY!



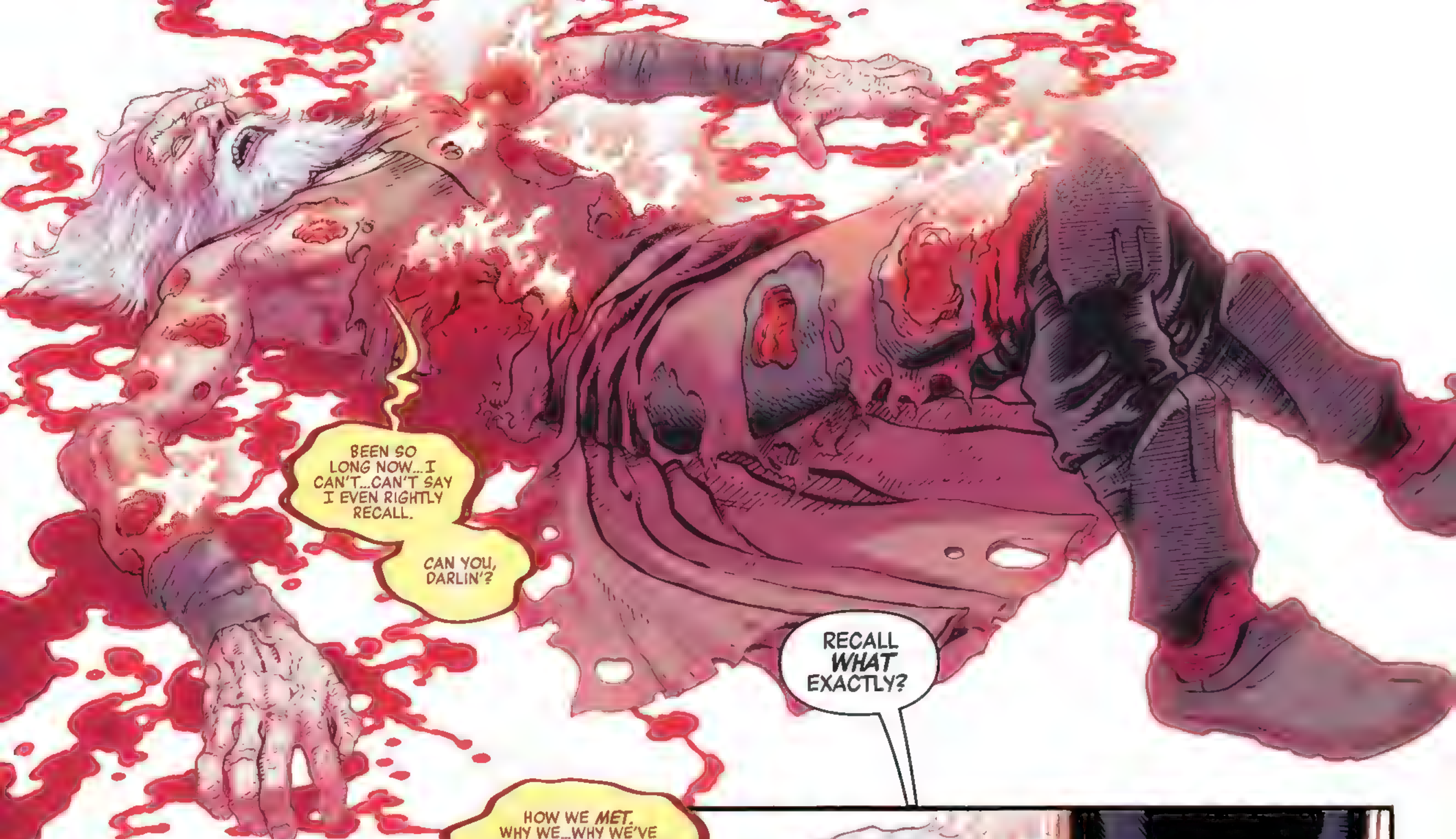




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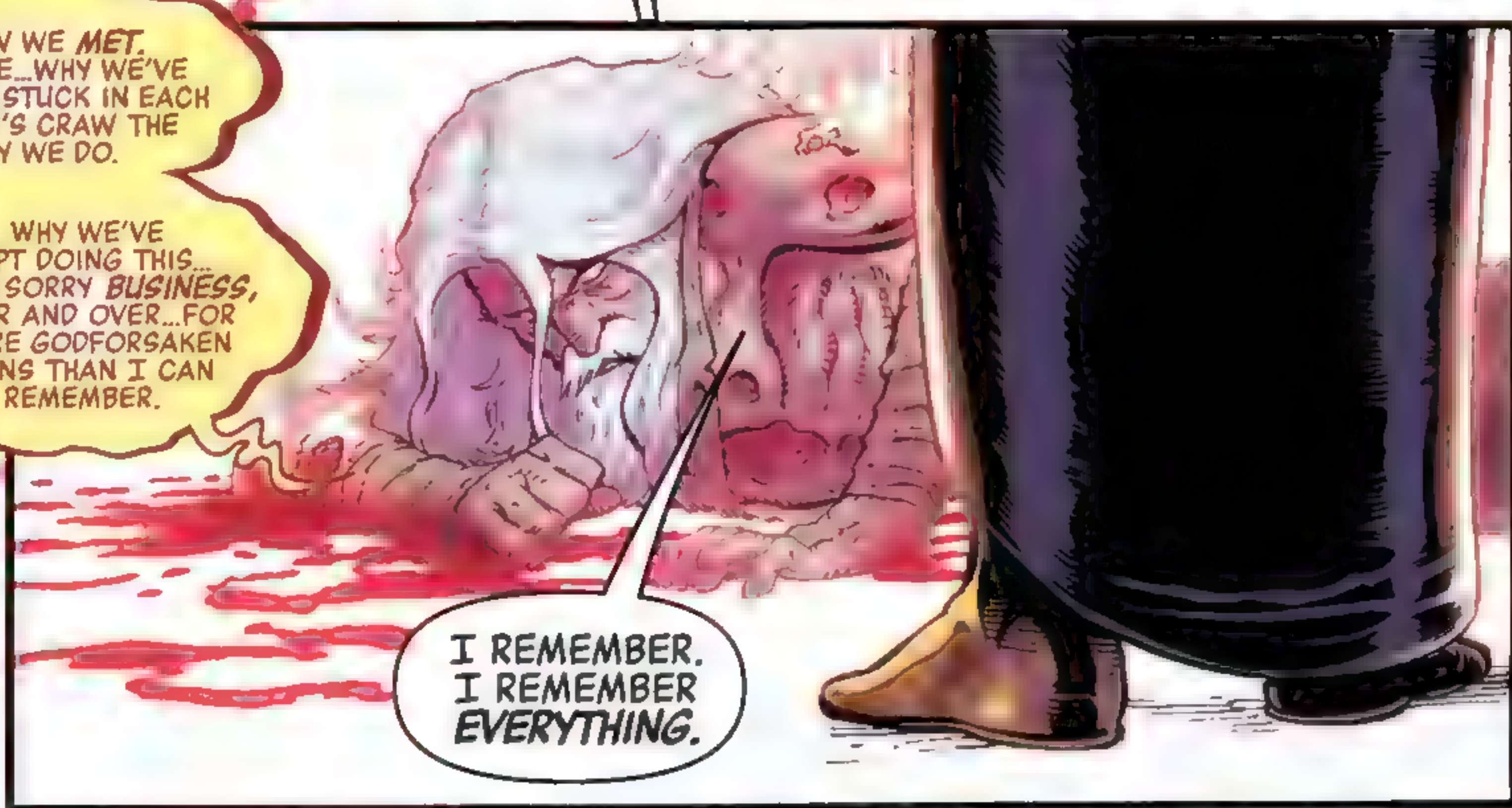


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HOW WE MET,
WHY WE... WHY WE'VE
ALWAYS STUCK IN EACH
OTHER'S CRAW THE
WAY WE DO.

WHY WE'VE
KEPT DOING THIS
SAME SORRY BUSINESS,
OVER AND OVER... FOR
MORE GODFORSKEN
EONS THAN I CAN
REMEMBER.





BEING SADDLED
WITH THE PHOENIX
FORCE AIN'T LIKE
SWIGGIN' NO LEMONADE.
MORE LIKE TURPENTINE
AND RAZOR BLADES.

BELIEVE ME,
RAVEN, YOU DON'T
WANT NO TASTE
OF WHAT I'M
SWILLING.



A TASTE?
OH, DARLING,
NO.

MOTHER'S
A BIT THIRSTIER
THAN THAT.



IN A PLACE BEYOND
THE FAR SHORE,
BEYOND THE CONFINES
OF SPACE AND TIME...

...A NEW PHOENIX
ROSE FROM THE
BLOOD OF THE OLD...



...AND TURNED
THE WHITE HOT
ROOM RED.



THEN MYSTIQUE SENT
LOGAN'S PARTS AND
PIECES FLYING IN
EVERY DIRECTION...

...LIKE A HAIL OF
BLOOD-SPEWING
COMETS.

THAT'S
WHERE I
CAME IN.

BE AN ASS
AND IT'LL STILL
BE SWIFT, JUST
A LOT MORE
PAINFUL!

GIVE US
WHAT WE SEEK,
DEFILER, AND THY
RUIN SHALL BE
SWIFT!

NOW BRING US
THE HEAD OF THE
PHOENIX!

SEE, THAT'S ME,
DOING MY BEST
TO LOOK AS TOUGH
AS MY SISTERS.

YOU
MEAN THIS OLD
THING?

COME AND
TAKE IT, IF YOU
DARE.

LITTLE GIRL
GODS.

IN TRUTH, I'D RATHER BE
READING A GOOD SCROLL.
BUT THERE HASN'T BEEN
MUCH TIME FOR THE FINER
COMFORTS SINCE
GRANDFATHER WENT AWAY.

BUT FIRST,
YOU SHALL KNOW
SUCH SUFFERING AS
ONLY THE FISTS OF THE
MANGOG MAY
DELIVER.

GODS, HE
WOULD'VE LOVED THIS.
KILLING MANGOGS
WAS ALWAYS ONE OF
GRANDFATHER THOR'S
FAVORITE PASTIMES.



WHERE WE COME FROM,
MY SISTERS AND I ARE
CALLED THE GODDESSES
OF THUNDER.

THE GRANDDAUGHTERS
OF OLD KING THOR.

THE LAST
ASGARDIANS.

LAST OF ALL
THE GODS.

WE'VE BEEN ON A QUEST TO GATHER
THE DISMEMBERED PIECES OF OLD
MAN PHOENIX. WITH GRANDFATHER'S
HAMMER AS OUR GUIDE.

IT'S PICKED UP
SOME COMPANY
ALONG THE WAY.



THE HAMMERS OF FALLEN
THORS. FROM ALL ACROSS
THE MULTIVERSE.

WITH EVERY
MJOLNIR
WE FIND, THE
FEAR INSIDE ME
METASTASIZES.

WHOEVER OUR
ENEMIES ARE,
THEY LAY WASTE
TO THOR AND
PHOENIX ALIKE.

WHO AM I, TO
THINK I BELONG
IN SUCH A WAR?

WE SHALL
SEE.

THE WAR
WILL SHOW ME.

NOW.
THE GOD QUARRY.

THE WAR WILL
SHOW US ALL.

THIS IS
ANT-MAN TO
ALL AVENGERS.
PREPARE FOR
IMMEDIATE
INCOMING.

I REPEAT--PUT
YOUR HEADS DOWN
AND GET READY FOR THE
BIGGEST NAPALM
BLAST YOU'VE
EVER SEEN.

SOME NEW
FIGHTERS JUST
JOINED OUR
CAUSE.

IT'S OFFICIALLY A BAD DAY TO BE A MEPHISTO.

MY SISTERS AND I STITCHED THE PHOENIX BACK TOGETHER.

AND THEN HE BROUGHT US HERE, DEEP INTO THE GUTS OF ALL EXISTENCE...

...WHERE HE HAS AT LAST GIVEN US WHAT THE GODDESSES OF THUNDER HAVE ALWAYS WANTED MOST.

KRAK KRAK KRAK
APORRM

A WAR TO CALL OUR OWN.

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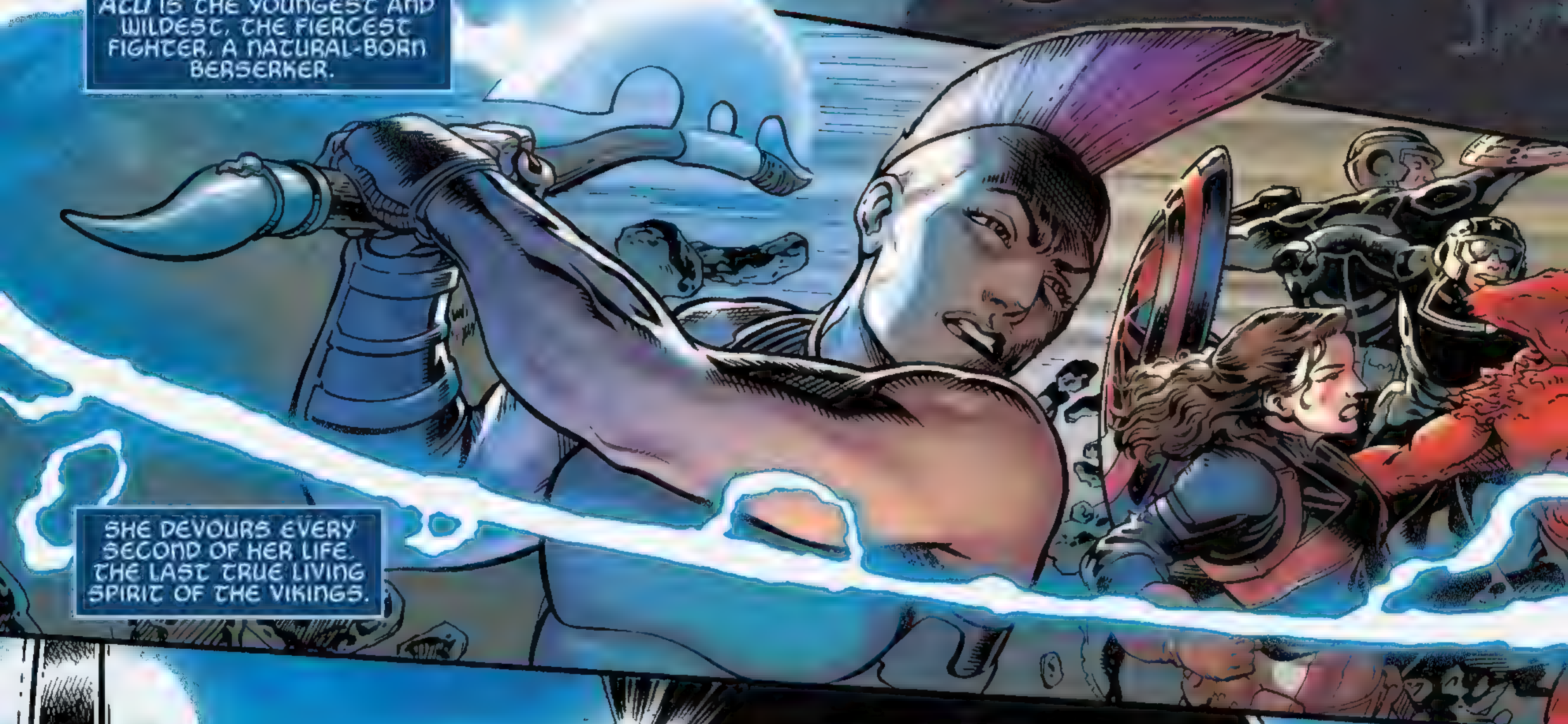
A WAR TO CALL OUR OWN.



MY SISTERS AND I
TAKE AFTER OUR
GRANDFATHER IN
DIFFERENT WAYS.

FRIGG IS THE OLDEST,
THE MOST COMMANDING,
WITH A VOICE THAT
OUT-THUNDERS ANY STORM.

A GOD WHO EVEN GODS
WILL FOLLOW. LATEST IN
A LONG LINE OF ASGARDIAN
KINGS AND ALL-MOTHERS.



AZLI IS THE YOUNGEST AND
WILDEST, THE FIERCEST
FIGHTER, A NATURAL-BORN
BERSERKER.

SHE DEVOURS EVERY
SECOND OF HER LIFE,
THE LAST TRUE LIVING
SPIRIT OF THE VIKINGS.



AND I AM ELLISIV,
INHERITOR OF MY
GRANDFATHER'S DEEPEST
OF PASSIONS...

...HIS ETERNAL
ADMIRATION FOR THE
PROFOUND BEAUTY OF
MORTAL LIFE, IN ALL
ITS FLEETING FORMS.

TOGETHER, THE
THREE OF US
STRIVE EVERY
DAY TO BE ALL
THAT HE WAS.

TO BE WORTHY
OF HIS MIGHTY
LEGACY.

THIS WE DO...
IN THE NAME
OF THOR.

BOMBS
AWAY.

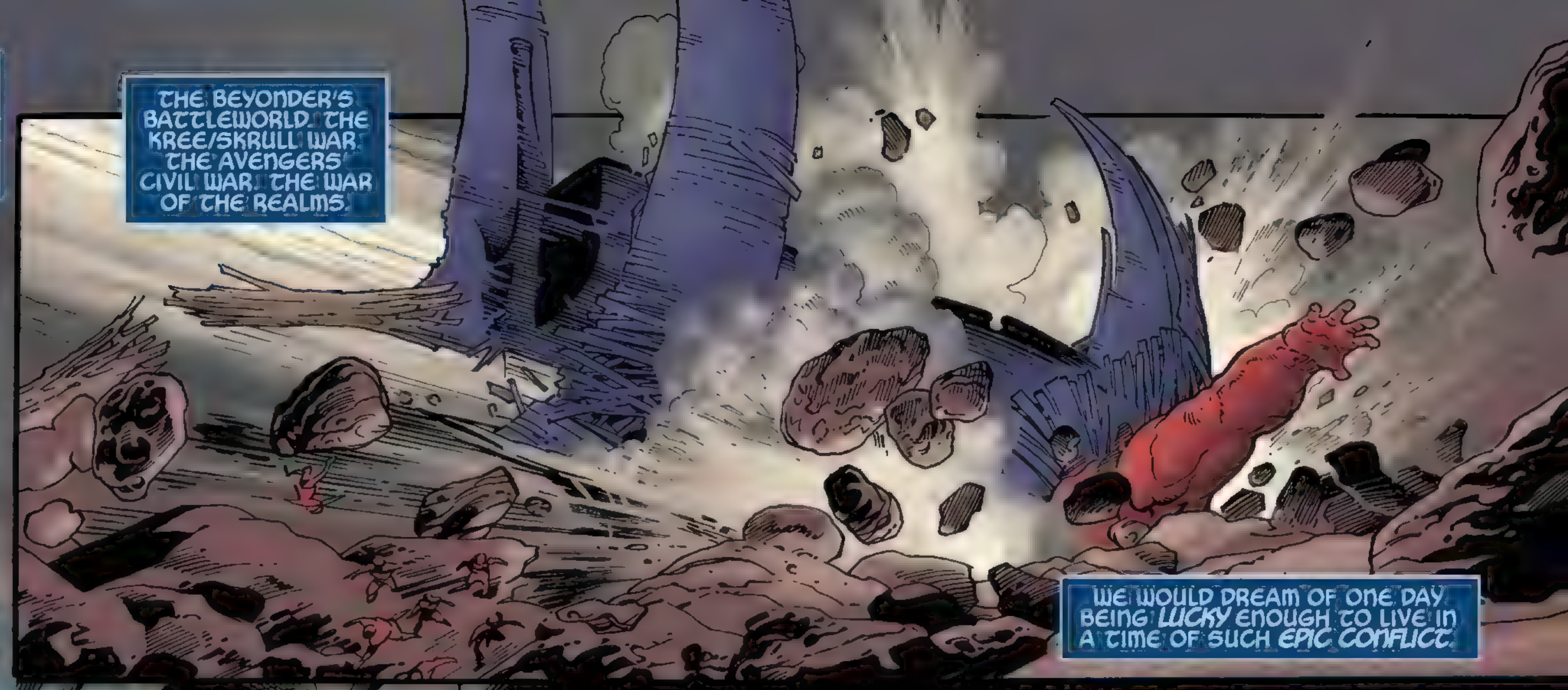
IN THE NAME
OF ALL THE
THORS.



"A WAR TO CALL OUR OWN."

THAT'S WHAT WE THOUGHT WE ALWAYS WANTED.

MY SISTERS AND I WOULD SNEAK INTO GRANDFATHER'S LIBRARY AND PORE OVER THE OLD TOMES OF GREAT BATTLES GONE BY.



THE BEYONDER'S BATTLEWORLD, THE KRGE/SKRULL WAR, THE AVENGERS' CIVIL WAR, THE WAR OF THE REALMS.

WE WOULD DREAM OF ONE DAY BEING 'LUCKY' ENOUGH TO LIVE IN A TIME OF SUCH EPIC CONFLICT.



NOW THAT I AM HERE, SURROUNDED BY BLOOD AND RUIN, I REALIZE...THOSE WERE THE DREAMS OF FOOLISH LITTLE GIRLS.

HA. ARE YOU... PRAYING?



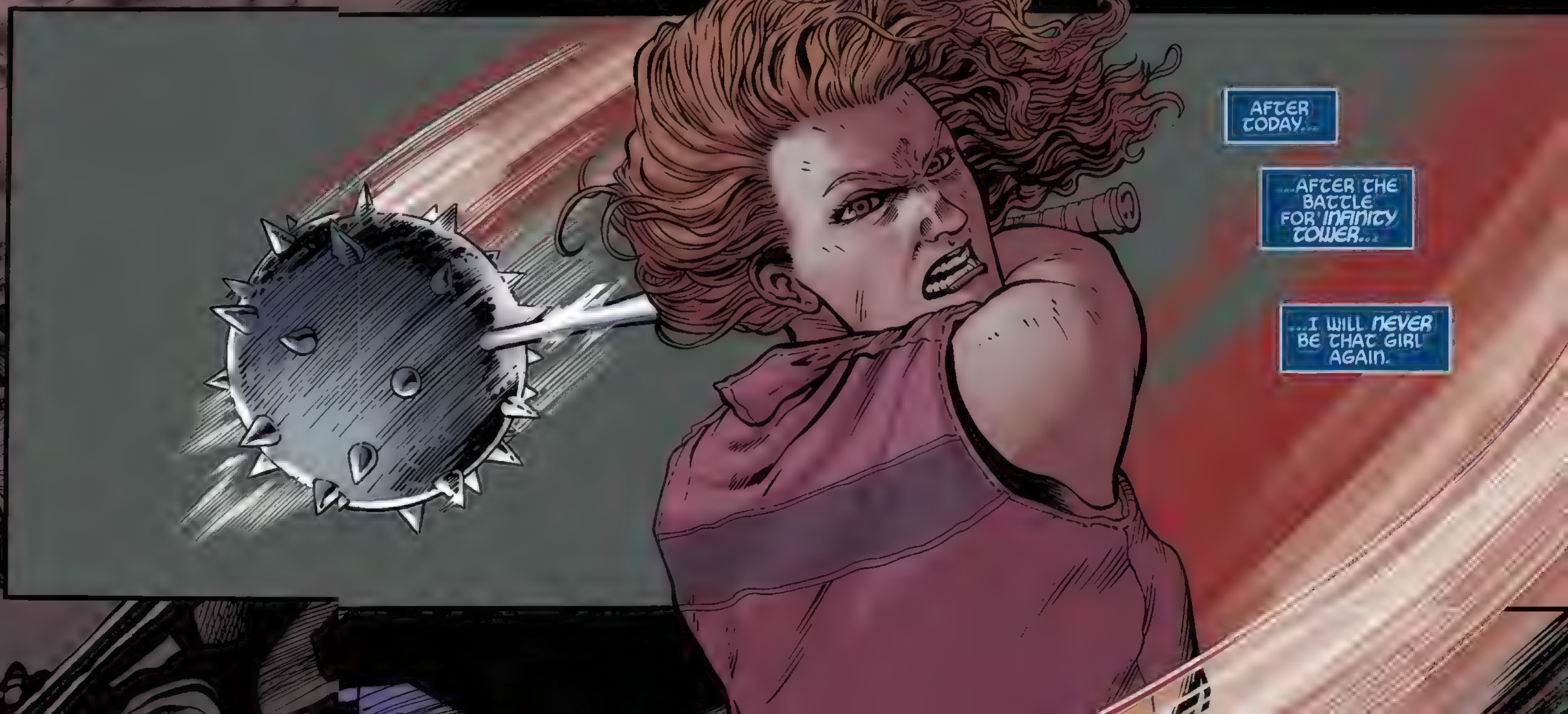
PRAYING THAT THIS CUP MIGHT PASS FROM YOUR LIPS?



I AM THE BLOOD-KIN OF WAR-FATHER ODIN, OF THE ALMIGHTY THOR.

I'M PRAYING THAT ONCE I'VE DRUNK MY FILL OF MEPHISTO BLOOD...

...I'LL BE ABLE TO PUT THE CUP DOWN.



AFTER TODAY...

AFTER THE BATTLE FOR INFINITY TOWER...

I WILL NEVER BE THAT GIRL AGAIN.

IT IS DONE.

THE SURVIVING MEPHISTOS ARE RETREATING. THOSE STILL CAPABLE OF CRAWLING.

THEN WE GO AFTER THEM. HUNT EVERY LAST DEVIL TO THE VERY DOORSTEPS OF HEL.



IT COULD BE A TRAP. WE CAN'T LEAVE THE TOWER UNDEFENDED. NOT UNTIL WE HEAR FROM AVENGER PRIME.

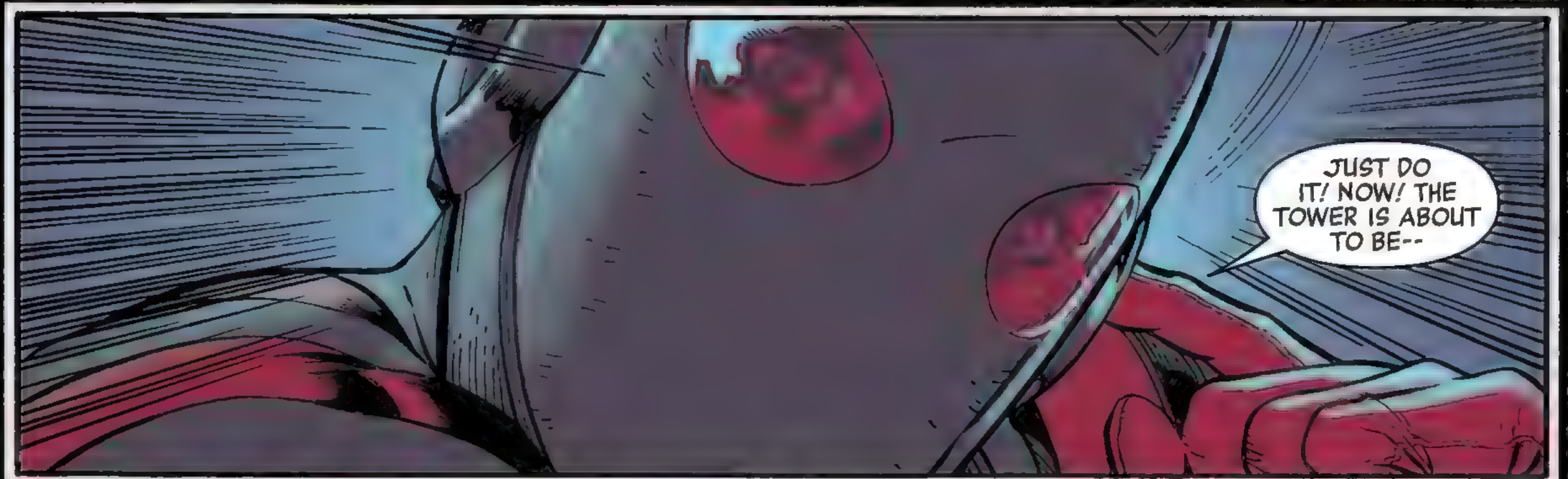
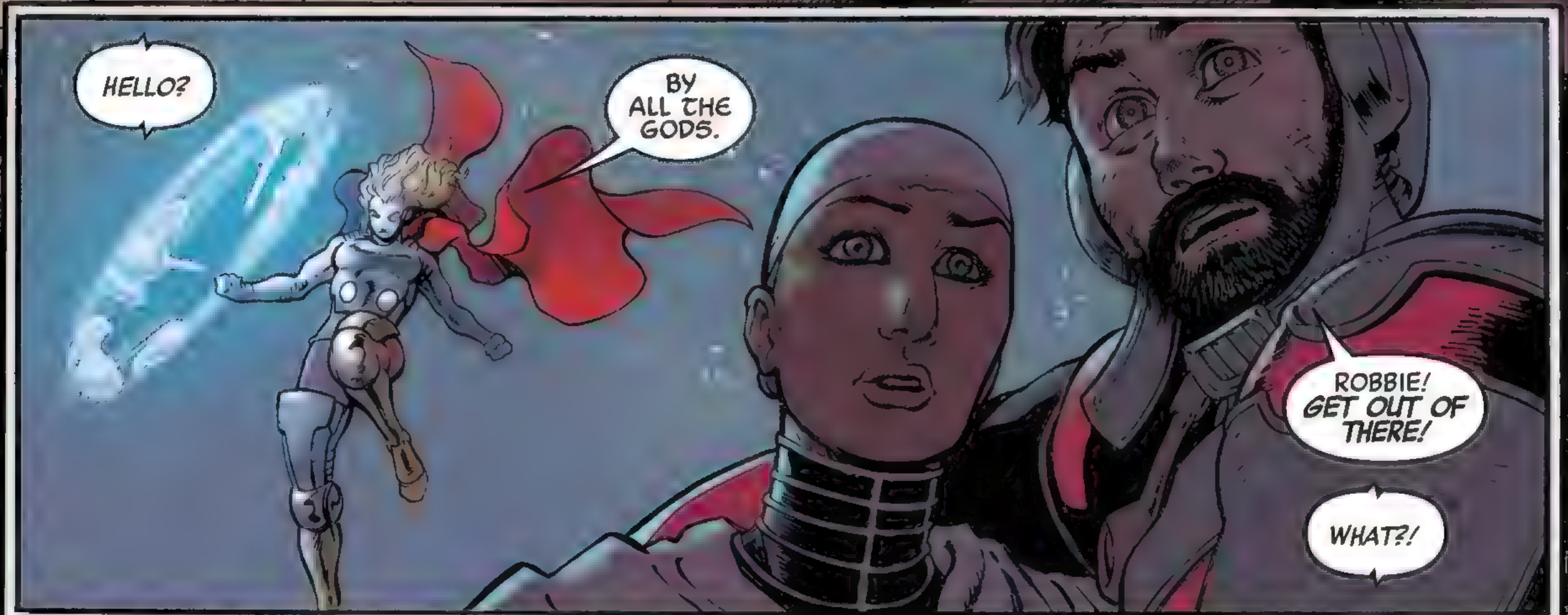
ARE YOU CERTAIN IT'S YOUR TOWER THEY'RE AFTER?

WHAT IS THIS PLACE? THE POWER IN THESE ROCKS FEELS...OLDER THAN ANYTHING I'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED.

THIS IS THE GOD QUARRY. THE BEDROCK OF EVERYTHING THAT IS.

THE TOWER IS JUST HERE TO PROTECT IT. AND MORE IMPORTANTLY--WHAT'S BURIED BENEATH IT.







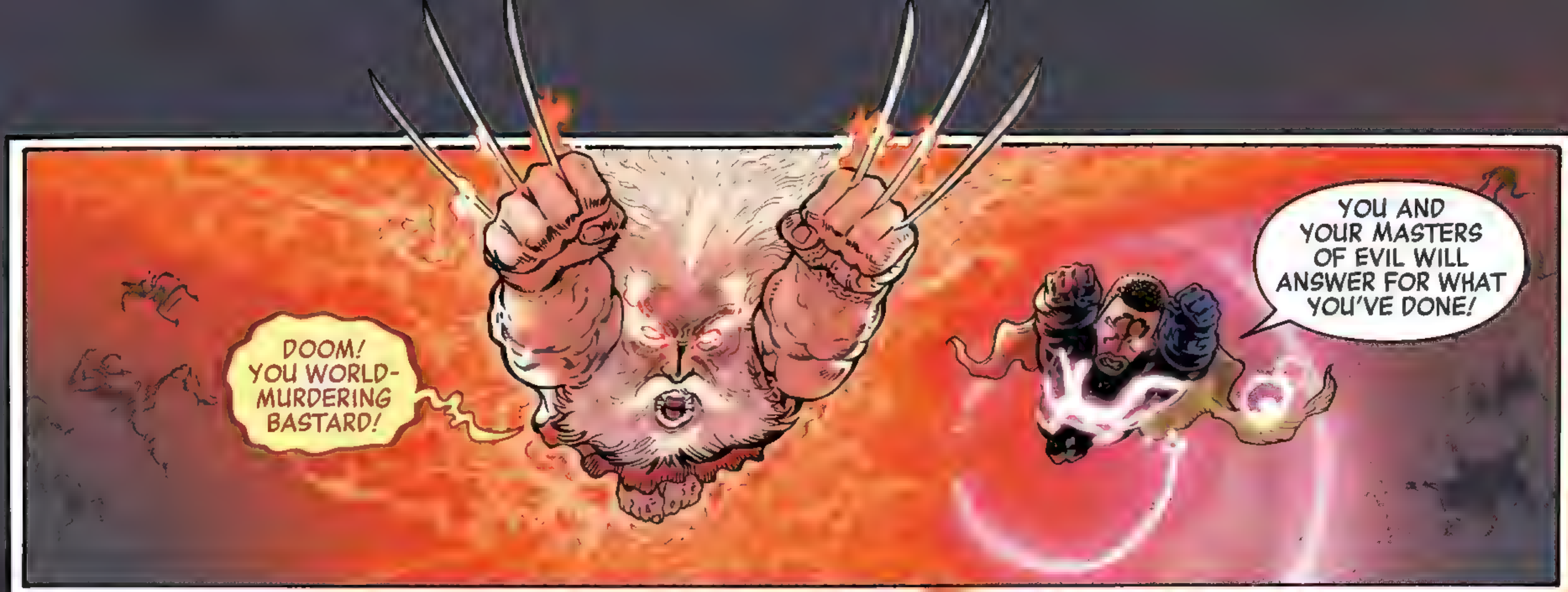


ALL
DOOMS,
ATTACK.

KEEP THE
AVENGERS AT BAY.
WHILE I CLAIM THE
RIGHTS TO ALL
EXISTENCE.



IN THE
NAME OF THE
DOOM
ABOVE ALL.



*SEE
AVENGERS #64.
--TOM





WE'LL HAVE
TO FIGURE OUT
SOMETHING
ELSE!

WE'VE GOT
PLENTY OF CAPS
AND CAROLS AND
THUNDERERS, BUT, AT
THE MOMENT, WE'RE
WOEFULLY SHORT
ON *SORCERERS!*



PARDON MY
TARDINESS. I WAS
A BIT BUSY ALMOST
DYING AT THE
HANDS OF SOME
MEPHISTOS.

AVENGER PRIME!

**THIS IS
AVENGER
PRIME?**

YES, INDEED,
TONY STARK. FOR
IN ALL THE MANY
UNIVERSES, ONE THING
IS ALWAYS CONSTANT.
YOU CANNOT HAVE
THE AVENGERS...

OH,
HEL NO.

...WITHOUT
A LOKI TO
BRING THEM
TOGETHER.

WAR CHANGES ALL
THOSE WHO FIGHT
IN IT. GRANDFATHER
TOLD ME THIS A
THOUSAND TIMES.

ONLY NOW DO
I SEE HOW
RIGHT HE WAS.





THE SECRET HISTORY
OF AVENGER PRIME

AVENGERS 65

I FEEL A DEEP SHAME
EVERY TIME I SAY THIS,
YET 'TIS ALWAYS HOW
I BEGIN THE STORY.

FOR IF MY STORY IS TO BE
BELIEVED, IT MUST BEGIN WITH
THE TRUEST UTTERANCE
I COULD POSSIBLY UTTER.

THE TRUTH IS...
THAT THE HAPPIEST
MOMENT OF MY LIFE...

'T WAS NOT BY MY HAND.
THOUGH CERTAINLY NOT
FOR MY LACK OF TRYING.

MY EARLIEST MEMORIES ARE
OF CLAMBERING FROM MY CRIB
INTO THOR'S SO THAT I MIGHT
LAY MY TINY HANDS ABOUT
HIS MEWLING THROAT.

...WAS THE DAY
MY BROTHER DIED.

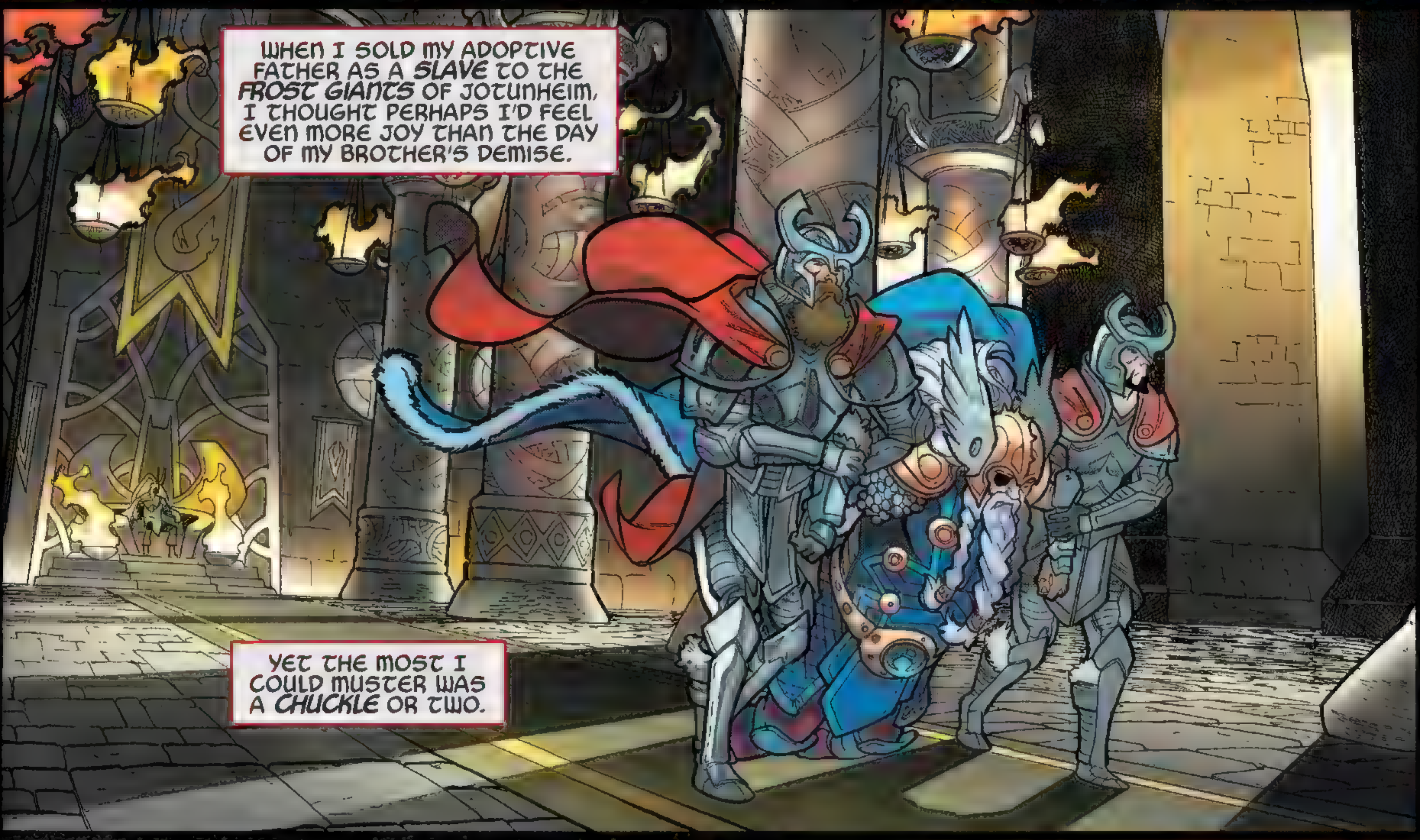
IN THE END, HE DIED
TRYING TO TAME HIS WILD
STALLION OF A HAMMER.

THAT Mallet WITH A
MIND OF ITS OWN...HAD
FLOWN THE YOUNG PRINCE
OF ASGARD INTO THE SUN.



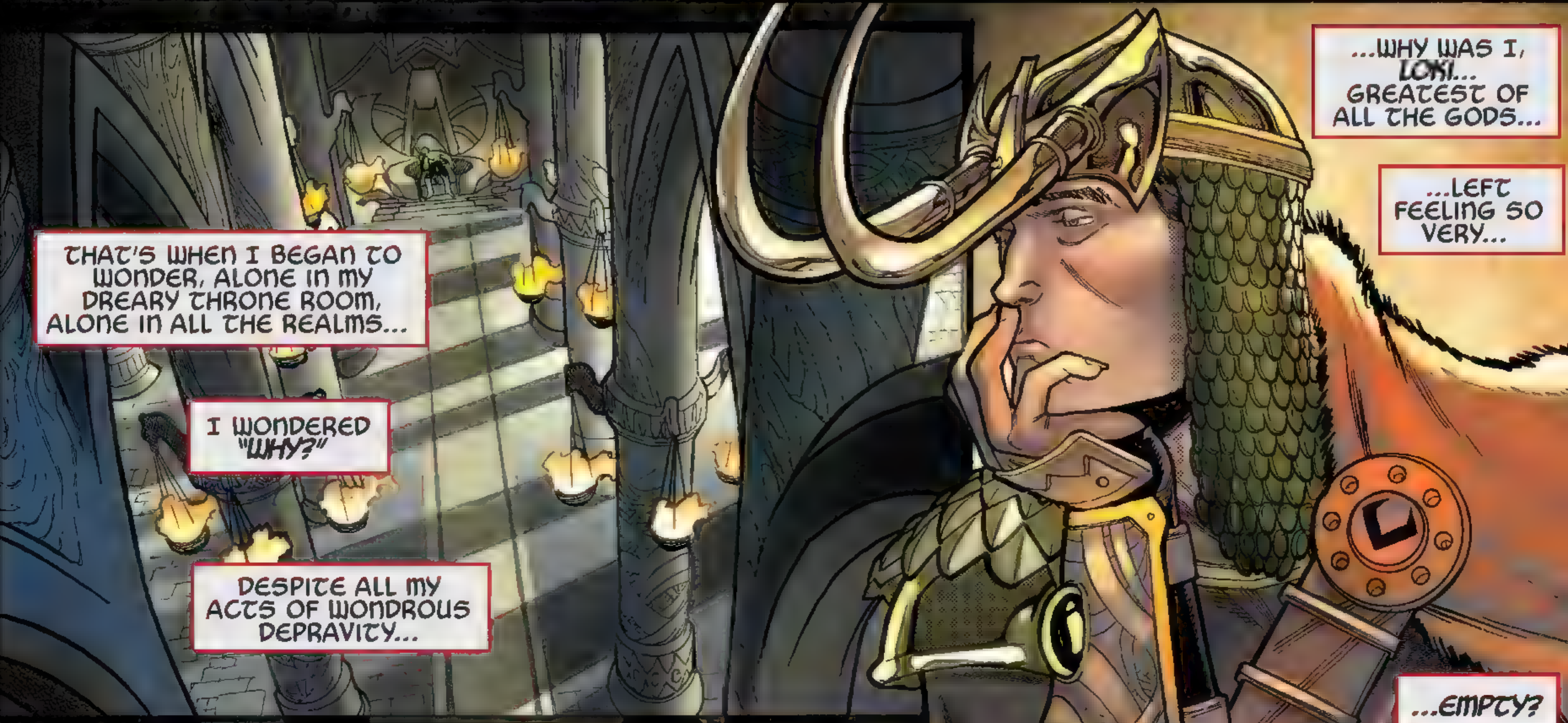


ODIN WAS NEVER QUITE THE SAME AFTER THAT. I SUPPLANTED HIM AS **ALL-FATHER** BEFORE I'D GROWN MY FIRST CHIN WHISKER.



WHEN I SOLD MY ADOPTIVE FATHER AS A **SLAVE** TO THE **FROST GIANTS** OF JOTUNHEIM, I THOUGHT PERHAPS I'D FEEL EVEN MORE JOY THAN THE DAY OF MY BROTHER'S DEMISE.

YET THE MOST I COULD MUSTER WAS A **CHUCKLE** OR TWO.



THAT'S WHEN I BEGAN TO WONDER, ALONE IN MY DREARY THRONE ROOM, ALONE IN ALL THE REALMS...

I WONDERED **"WHY?"**

DESPITE ALL MY ACTS OF WONDROUS DEPRAVITY...

...WHY WAS I, **LOKI**... GREATEST OF ALL THE GODS...

...LEFT FEELING SO VERY...

...EMPTY?

IN SEARCH OF AN ANSWER, I
SOUGHT THE ONLY COUNSEL
IN ALL THE HEAVENS I COULD
BRING MYSELF TO RESPECT.



my own.

BOLSTERED BY THE
POWER OF ASGARD,
I USED SORcery TO
SCALE THE WALLS
BETWEEN UNIVERSES.

AND MAKE ACQUAINTANCES
WITH AN ALTERNATE VERSION
OF MYSELF FROM SOME FAR
CORNER OF THE MULTIVERSE.

I TRIED THIS
many times.



ALWAYS WITH
THE SAME
DISMAL RESULT.

IF THERE IS ONE
CONSTANT
THROUGHOUT THE
MYRIAD MIRRORS OF
EXISTENCE, IT IS
THAT A LOKI
CANNOT BE TRUSTED.

EVEN AMONG
THE COMPANY
OF LOKIS.



"WHY WERE WE LOKIS SUCH DESPICABLE CREATURES?" I PONDERED ONE EVENING, WHILE DISPOSING OF THE REMAINS OF MY OWN ALT-UNIVERSE SELF.

I CONTINUED TO SEARCH FOR ANSWERS ACROSS THE MULTIVERSE, THIS TIME, OBSERVING IN SECRET.



WHAT I SAW... WAS ONE SHAMEFUL DISPLAY OF FAILURE AFTER ANOTHER.

IT SEEMED THAT LOKIS WERE FOUL AND DESPICABLE... BECAUSE LOKIS ALWAYS LOST.

I WAS AN ANOMALY, AS ONE WHO GRACED A THRONE, AS THE MOST POWERFUL SORCERER IN MY REALITY.



MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS FROM OTHER ELSEWHERES SEEMED TO GRACE NOTHING, EXCEPT THE GROUND.



MOST OFTEN AT THE FEET OF BEINGS CALLED AVENGERS.

HUMANS PRETENDING TO BE GODS. AND THAT... WAS NOT EVEN THE WORST PART.



IT TURNED OUT THAT
IN UNIVERSE AFTER
UNIVERSE, WHEN EARTH'S
MIGHTIEST HEROES
WOULD INEVITABLY
FIND THEMSELVES FIRST
DRAWN TOGETHER...

...TO FIGHT THE
FOE NO SINGLE
HERO COULD
BLAH BLAH BLAH...



...THAT FOE
WAS ME.



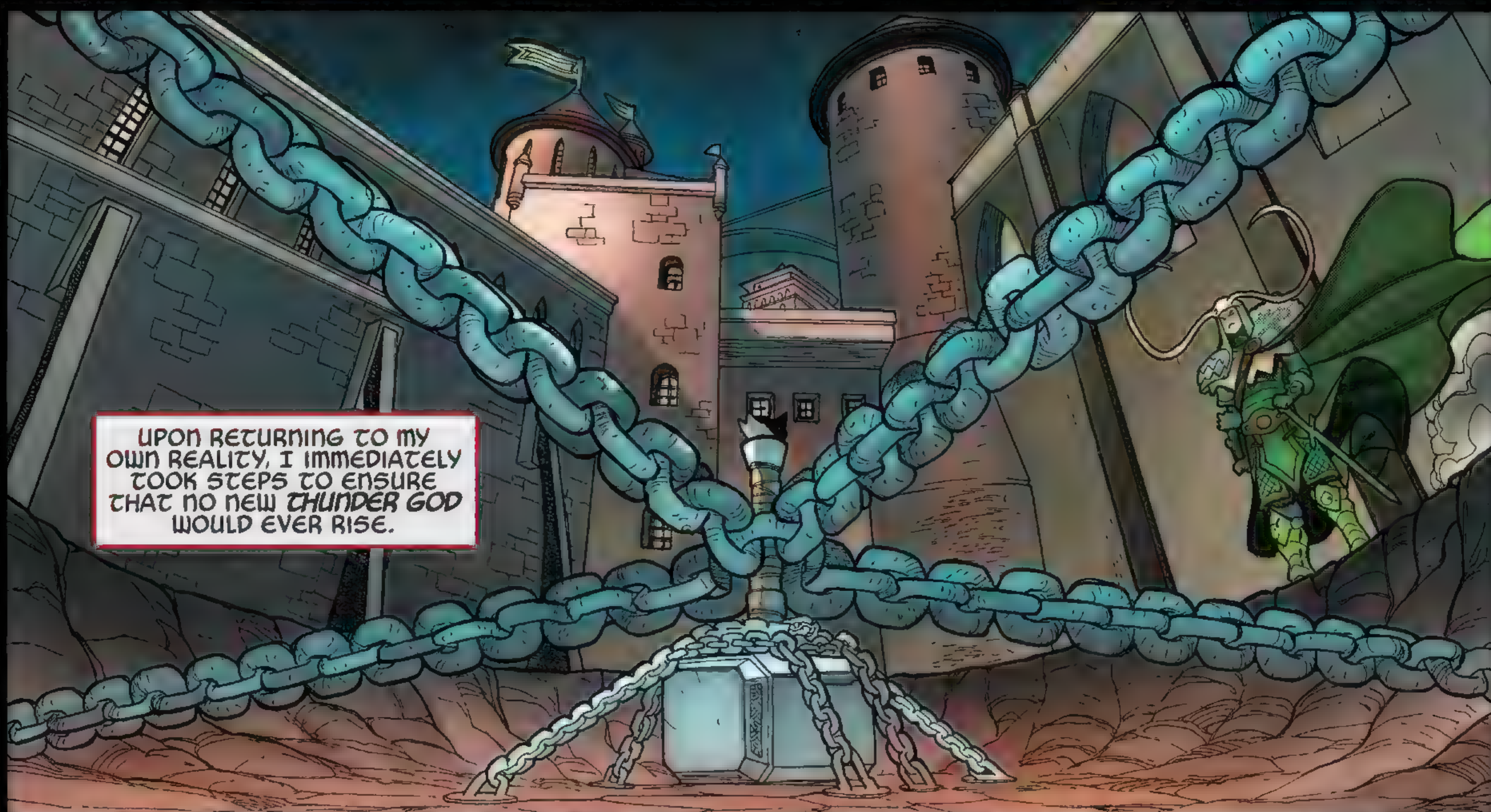
YES, IN EVERY EARTH'S HISTORY,
THERE WERE TIMES WHEN THIS
SORT OF GATHERING HAD COME
ABOUT EARLIER FOR BRIEF PERIODS,
OFTEN GOING BACK TO
HUMANITY'S CAVE-DWELLING DAYS.

BUT ONCE THE AVENGERS
WERE TRULY ASSEMBLED
AS THE VANGUARDS OF THE
GREAT AGE OF HEROES...
THEY NEVER WENT AWAY.

AND NO LOKI
EVER WON
ANYTHING AGAIN.

I TOOK ONE
LESSON
FROM THIS
KNOWLEDGE.

NO MORE
AVENGERS.



UPON RETURNING TO MY
OWN REALITY, I IMMEDIATELY
TOOK STEPS TO ENSURE
THAT NO NEW **THUNDER GOD**
WOULD EVER RISE.



NO **CAPTAIN AMERICA**
WOULD EVER HURL HIS
MIGHTY SHIELD.



NO **IRON MAN**
WOULD EVER
BE FORGED.



I SACKED
WAKANDA.

SLAUGHTERED EVERY
KREE HALF-BREED
I COULD FIND.

SHIPPED *GHOST RIDERS*
OFF TO THE BRIMSTONE
MINES OF MUSPELHEIM.

I OBLITERATED ANYONE
IN THE WORLD WHO MIGHT
SOMEDAY FEEL THE
URGE TO...AVENGE.



AND THEN I LOOKED
UPON MY WORK...ON MY
WORLD UTTERLY DEVOID
OF AVENGERS...A WORLD
OF WHICH I NOW STOOD
AS SOLE GUARDIAN
AND PROTECTOR...



...AND I REALIZED
TOO LATE THAT
I'D DONE WHAT WE
LOKIS ALWAYS DO...

...I'D FOUND A
WAY TO LOSE.

IN MY HASTE TO
DISMANTLE MY
WORLD'S AVENGERS,
I'D FORGOTTEN
THAT IT WASN'T
JUST LOKI'S THEY
GATHERED TO FIGHT.

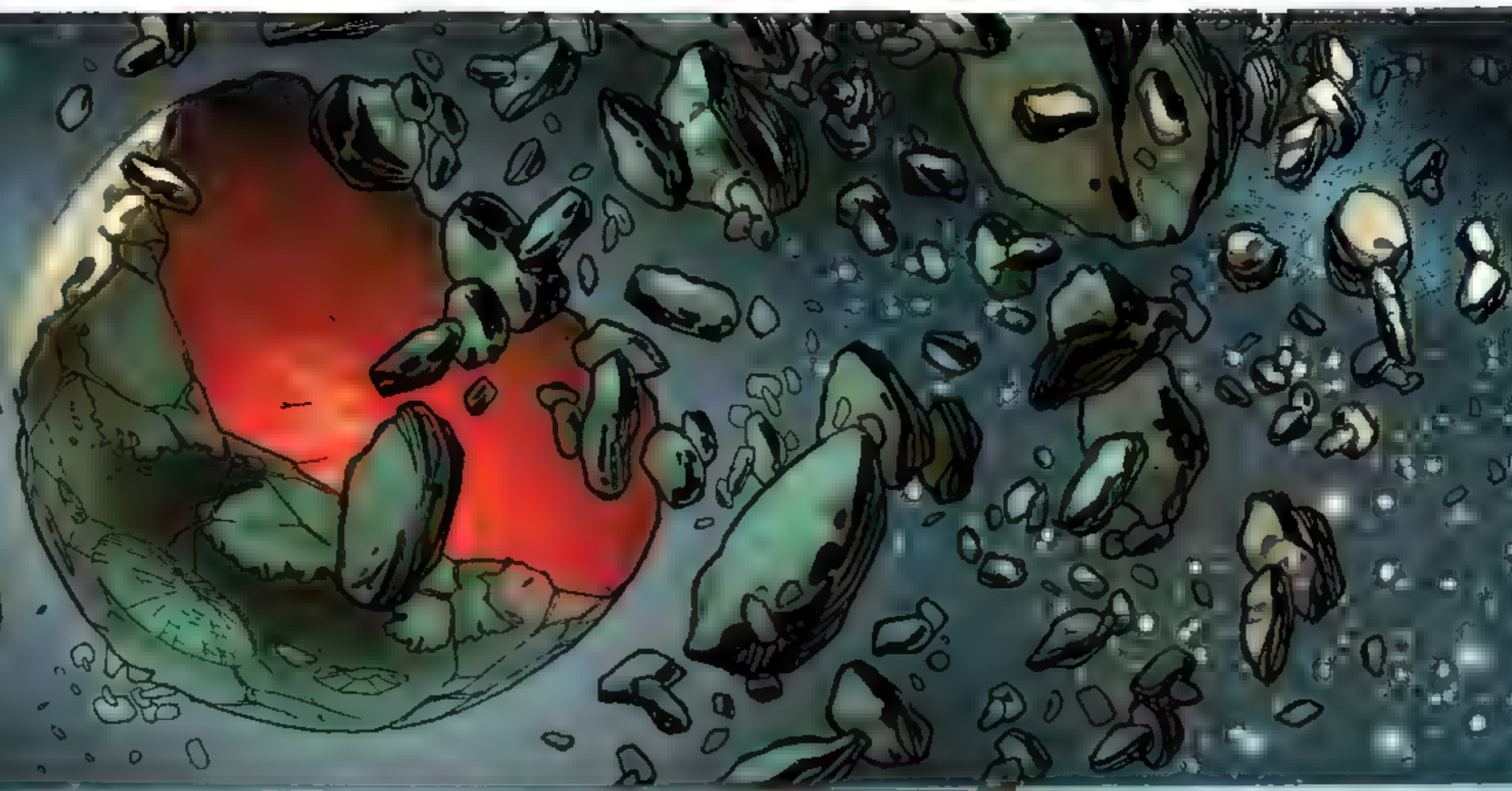
THE GOD BUTCHERS
AND WORLD-EATERS
AND MAD TITANS.
THEY ALL CAME.

A NEVERENDING TORRENT
OF MADMEN WHO MADE
EVEN ME LOOK LIKE A
PARAGON OF VIRTUE.



AGAINST THEM
ALL...I STOOD
ALONE.

AND SOMEHOW
PREVAILED, PUSHING
MY SORCERY TO
LEVELS BEYOND
ANYTHING I'D
EVER IMAGINED.



BUT ALL MAGIC
COMES WITH A
PRICE. AND
SUCH A MIGHTY
VICTORY...



...DEMANDED
AN ALMIGHTY
RECOMPENSE.

NOTHING LESS
THAN THE LIVES
OF EVERY LIVING
BEING IN MY
UNIVERSE.



I'D DONE IT. I'D
DEFIED THE
CURSE OF THE
LOKIS. I'D WON.

IT SHOULD HAVE
BEEN THE
SECOND HAPPIEST
DAY OF MY LIFE.

AND I DID
FEEL A FAINT
FLICKER OF JOY...

...ONCE I'D DECIDED
TO THROW MYSELF
INTO THE SUN.



BUT BEING A LOKI...
EVEN WHEN IT CAME
TO THE TAKING OF
MY OWN LIFE...I
PROVED A FAILURE.



INSTEAD OF THE ICY
PLAINS OF HEL, I FOUND
I'D SLIPPED THROUGH
THE CRACKS BETWEEN
UNIVERSES TO THE DARK
PLACE AT THE HEART OF
THE ALL AND THE ALWAYS...



...WHERE ALL
LOST GODS
ULTIMATELY FALL.



THE GOD
QUARRY.

INFINITY'S
END.

A LAND MORE
ANCIENT THAN
EXISTENCE ITSELF.

A PLACE OF GREAT
POWER THAT HAD
DRAWN GODS LIKE
MOTHS TO THE
FLAME SINCE TIME
IMMEMORIAL.

THE FOREST OF
THEIR FOSSILIZED
REMAINS
STRETCHED ON
INTO FOREVER,
ALL AROUND ME.



AND I KNEW
THAT I BELONGED
AMONG THEM.

SO...I
BELIEVE I KNOW
WHAT I NEED TO DO
NOW. IT'S JUST THAT...
I'VE ONLY EVER *SEEN* IT
DONE. USUALLY WITH
LOTS OF *GROVELING*
INVOLVED.

I BELIEVE
IT'S CUSTOMARY
TO START...LIKE
THIS.



AND ON THAT DAY, I DID
WHAT NO LOKI HAD EVER
DONE BEFORE. I *PRAYED*.

HELLO, GOD
QUARRY.

'TIS ME...
LOKI.

I PRAYED TO THE UNSEEN POWER
OF THAT PLACE TO BE ALLOWED
TO TURN TO STONE, TO KNOW THE
OBLIVION I SO RIGHTLY DESERVED.

THE ANSWER...
WAS *UNEXPECTED*.

THE ANSWER WAS
"NO." I WOULD NOT
BE ALLOWED TO DIE
UNTIL I'D SERVED
MY *PENANCE*.

"NO MORE
AVENGERS" HAD
BEEN MY CRY.

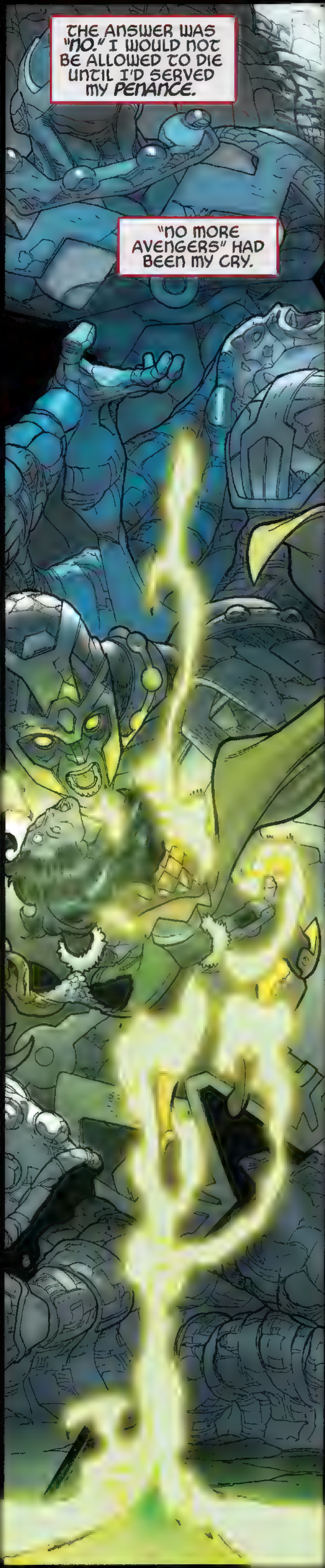
NEVER LET IT BE SAID
THAT THE FATES ARE
WITHOUT *IRONY*.

THE MULTIVERSE
HAD SHOWN ME THAT LOKIS
WERE ALWAYS FATED TO BE
THE FORCE THAT BROUGHT
THE AVENGERS TOGETHER.

SO, AS THE GREATEST
LOKI WHO HAD EVER LIVED...

...(THIS IS NOT ME
BOASTING, THIS IS
SIMPLY *COSMIC FACT*)...

...THAT
MEANT IT
WAS UP
TO ME...



...TO ASSEMBLE THE
MIGHTIEST AVENGERS
IN ALL OF INFINITY.



WHEN IT WAS DONE,
I CONFESSED TO THE
ASSEMBLED HEROES
MY MANY CRIMES.



SOME WISHED ME DEAD.
OTHERS WANTED TO SEE
ME MAN THIS TOWER FOR
FOREVER AND A DAY, SERVING
AN ETERNAL SENTENCE.

THEY ALL CAME
AND WENT OVER THE
EONS, AS NEEDED.

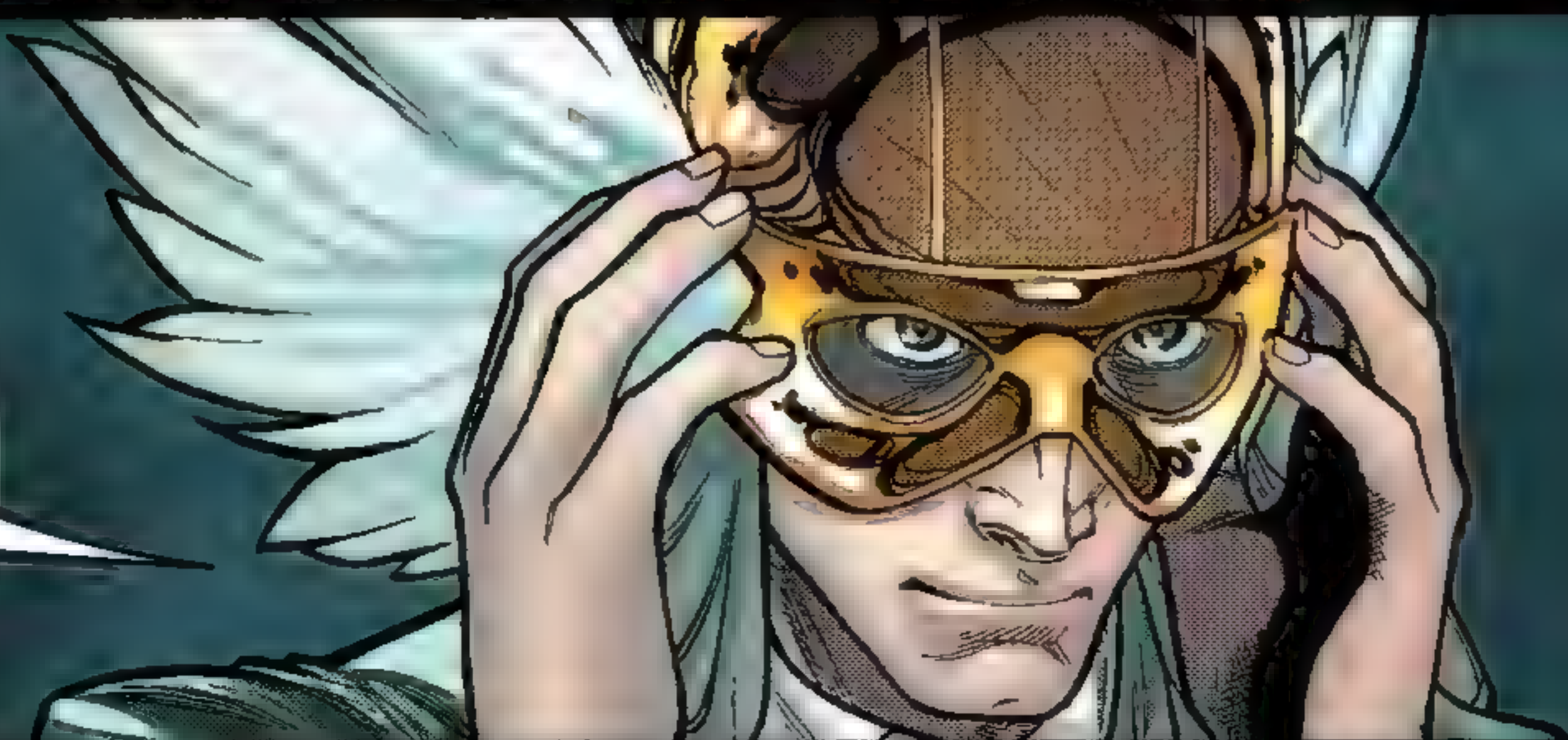
THE **DEATHLOKS** WERE
MY MOST TRUSTED
SOLDIERS. ALL GONE
NOW. GODS BLESS
THEIR NECRO-SOULS.



FOR SO LONG, WE OPERATED IN THE SHADOWS
HERE. BUT NOW I FIND MYSELF NEEDING TO
MAKE FIRST CONTACT WITH THE AVENGERS
OF A PARTICULAR UNIVERSE.

I GENERALLY FIND
IT'S BEST TO
EASE THEM INTO
THE STORY.

LET'S HOPE
THEIR THOR
CAN TAKE A
JOKE.



THAT WAY, WE
CAN HOPEFULLY
AVOID ANY
UNFORESEEN...



...DISASTERS.

NOW.

DEATH
TO ALL
AVENGERS!



DEATH
AND FIRE AND
RUIN!

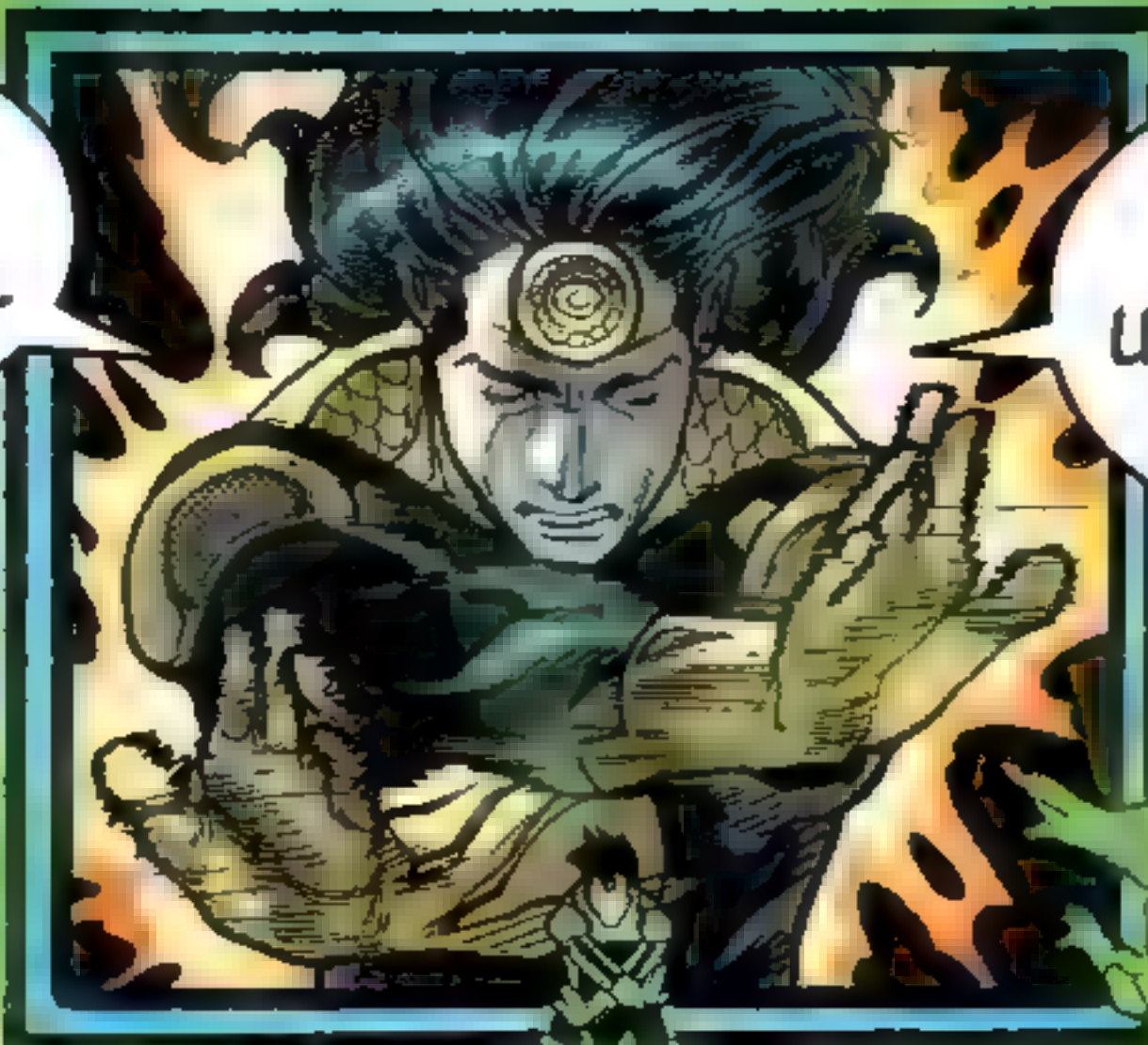
IN THE
NAME OF
DOOM!



THAT NAME...
HAS NO POWER
HERE.



BY ALL THE
FORCES OF
MULTIVERSAL
MAGIC...



...LET FLOW
THE WINDS OF
WATOOMB FROM
UNIVERSES 818 AND
4559 AND 93,748
AND 199,452!

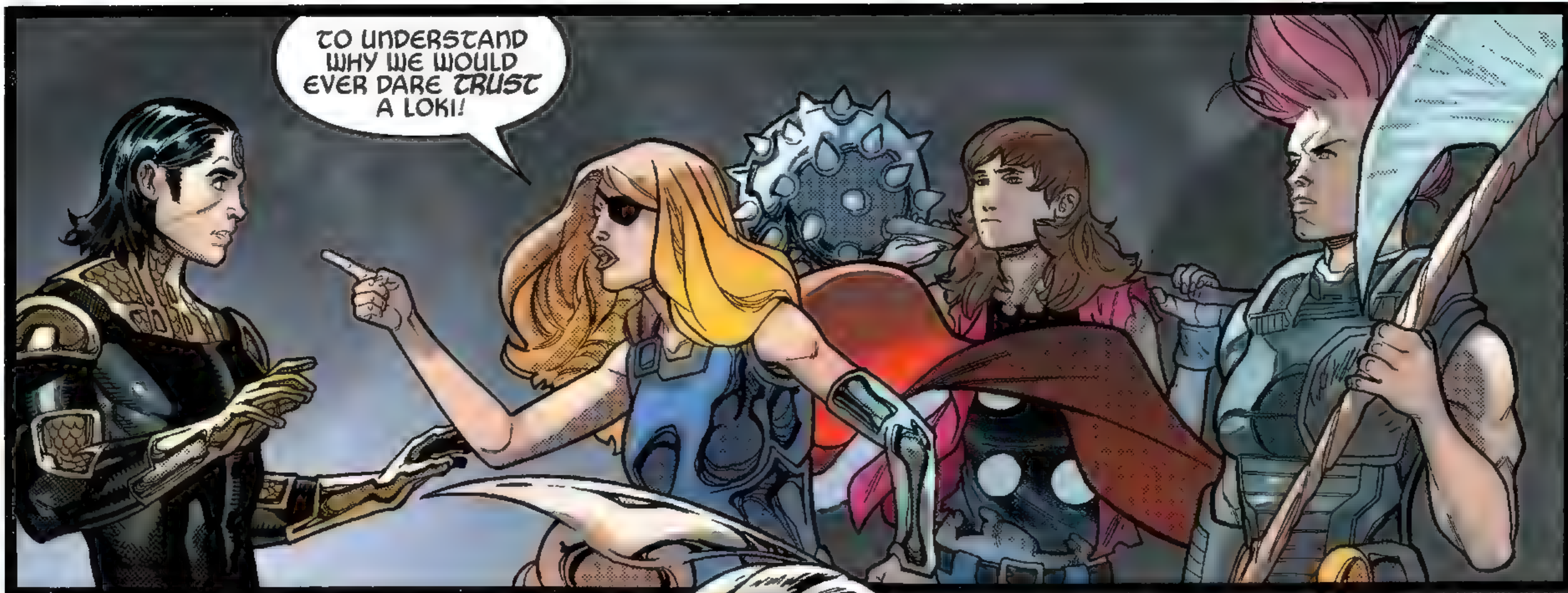


WE'RE
ABSOLUTELY
SURE THIS GUY
IS AVENGER
PRIME?

DOOM'S
ARMY IS EXPANSIVE,
BUT THAT SHOULD
GIVE US A MOMENT
AT LEAST.

WE SHALL
REQUIRE MUCH
MORE TIME
THAN THAT,
FIEND!

TO UNDERSTAND
WHY WE WOULD
EVER DARE TRUST
A LOKI!



+SIGH+

IF MY
STORY IS TO
BE BELIEVED, IT
MUST BEGIN WITH
THE TRUEST
UTTERANCE I
COULD EVER
UTTER.

THE TRUTH
IS... THAT THE
HAPPIEST MOMENT
OF MY LIFE WAS
THE DAY...



URRGH.

WHAT'S
HAPPENED?

HE'S
WOUNDED.

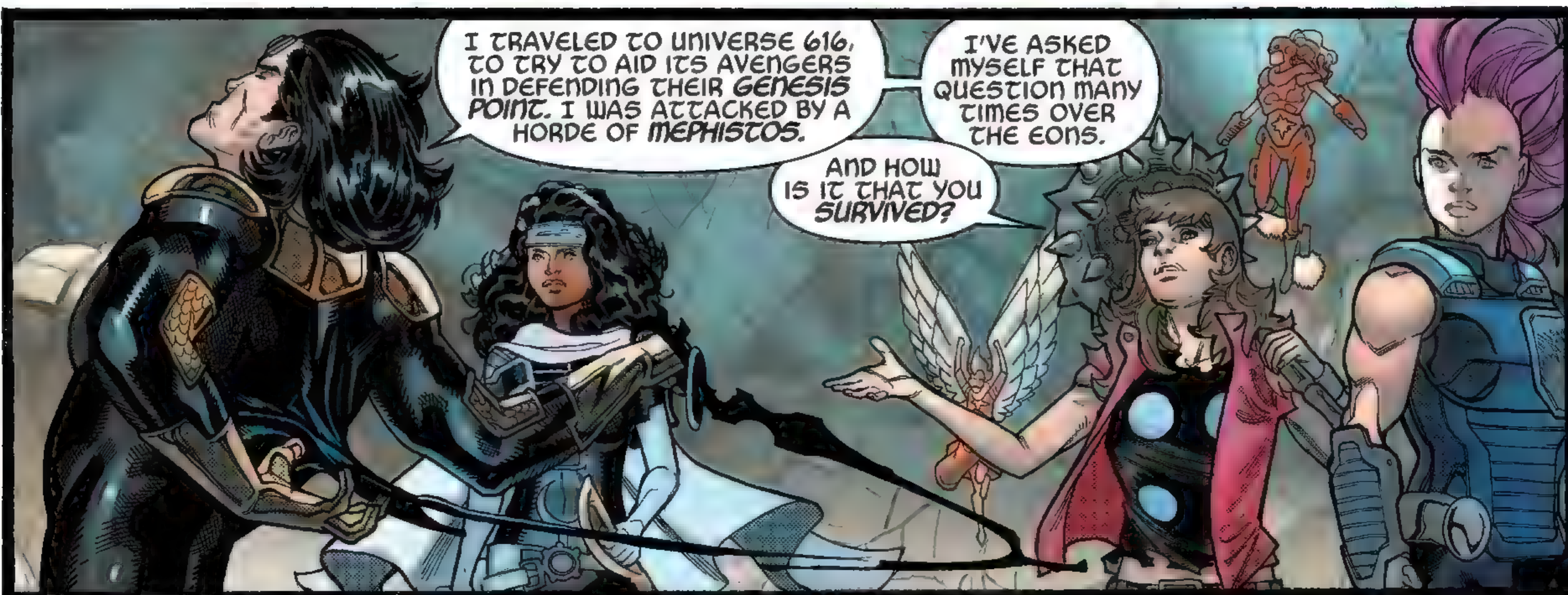
USUALLY, LOKI
IS THE ONE WHO
DISHES OUT THE
KNIVES IN THE
BACK.



I TRAVELED TO UNIVERSE 616,
TO TRY TO AID ITS AVENGERS
IN DEFENDING THEIR GENESIS
POINT. I WAS ATTACKED BY A
HORDE OF MEPHISTOS.

I'VE ASKED
MYSELF THAT
QUESTION MANY
TIMES OVER
THE EONS.

AND HOW
IS IT THAT YOU
SURVIVED?



NO MATTER
HOW MANY OF US
FALL...THE COUNCIL OF
RED WILL PREVAIL. THE
ENTIRE MULTIVERSE
WILL...



SORRY,
WHAT WAS
THAT? YOU'LL HAVE
TO SPEAK UP...
COULDN'T HEAR
YOU...

CRASH-KOON

...OVER THE
THUNDER.

REMOVE
THY MASK,
STRANGER,
AND REVEAL
THYSELF.

ALL RIGHT,
BUT...MAYBE
LET ME EXPLAIN
A LITTLE
FIRST.

"SO YOU
FOUGHT A FEW
MEPHISTOS..."



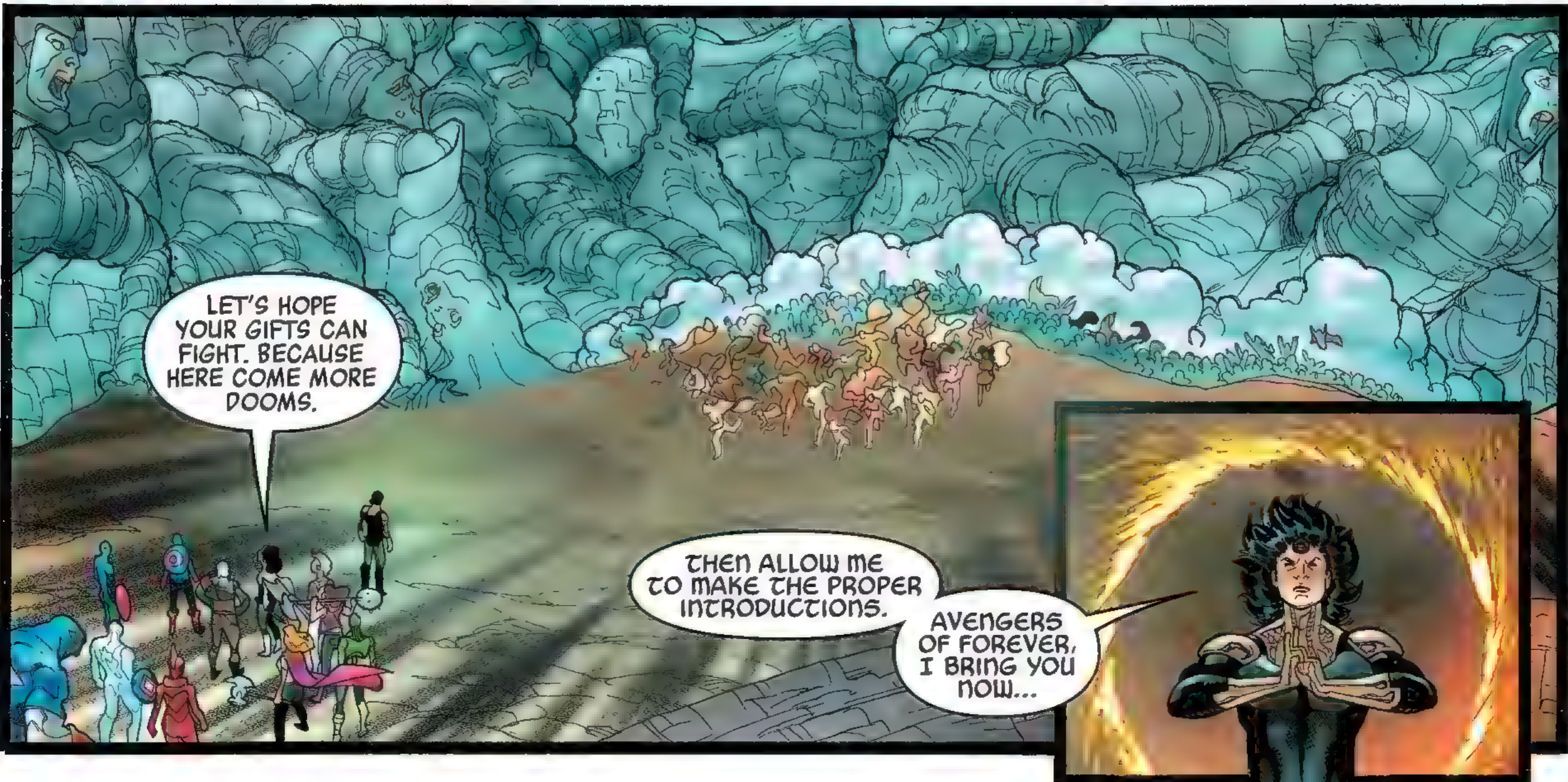
...AND BECAUSE OF THIS, WE SHOULD TRUST YOU?

HE IS AVENGER PRIME. GENERAL OF OUR ARMY. HE IS THE ONE WHO GATHERED US HERE.

FOR CENTURIES, WE SAW THE HEARTBREAK OUR GRANDFATHER, KING THOR, ENDURED AS HE YEARNED FOR THE REDEMPTION OF HIS BROTHER.

HOW DO WE KNOW YOU TRULY ARE A LOKI REDEEMED?

WHEN THERE ARE THUNDERERS INVOLVED, I FIND IT HELPS TO BRING GIFTS. AND SO I HAVE.



LET'S HOPE YOUR GIFTS CAN FIGHT. BECAUSE HERE COME MORE DOOMS.

THEN ALLOW ME TO MAKE THE PROPER INTRODUCTIONS.

AVENGERS OF FOREVER, I BRING YOU NOW...





...MORE AVENGERS.



AVENGERS FOREVER 14 | "THE BATTLE FOR THE ALL AND THE ALWAYS"

THE GOD QUARRY. THE RUBBLE OF AVENGERS TOWER.

REINFORCEMENTS
ARRIVED TODAY. FROM...
WELL, IT'S HARD TO
EXPLAIN EXACTLY
WHERE THEY'RE FROM.

NOT SO SURE I
UNDERSTAND IT
MYSELF. I JUST
KNOW THAT THEY'RE
ALL *AVENGERS*.



THERE WAS A LOT OF *HUGGING*
AT FIRST. I SUPPOSE THAT'S
WHAT GOT ME THINKING ABOUT
WRITING THIS *LETTER* HOME.

IN CASE, I...WELL,
YOU KNOW. I MEAN...
IT'S NOT *ALL*
HUGGING OUT HERE.



FOR DOOM
SUPREME!

DEATH
TO THE
AVENGERS!



WE'RE AT A PLACE OF GREAT POWER,
SOMEWHERE BEYOND TIME AND SPACE,
IF YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT. THE HEART
OF *THE ALL* AND *THE ALWAYS*, I'VE
HEARD SOME CALL IT.



AT FIRST, WE WERE FIGHTING AN ARMY OF **MEPHISTOS**. HE'S LIKE THE DEVIL'S CREEPIER UNCLE. AND THERE SURE WERE A **BUNCH** OF HIM.

BUT YOU SHOULD SEE HOW MANY OF **ME** THERE ARE.

ALL **STEVES!**
ALL **CAROLS!**
WITH ME!



NOW WE'RE FIGHTING **DOOMS**. NOT DOOMBOTS. ACTUAL LIVING, BREATHING **DOCTOR DOOMS**.

DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF HIM FROM ACROSS THE MULTIVERSE.

EACH ONE SCARIER THAN THE NEXT.



THEY DON'T SEEM TO EAT,
THESE DOOMS. OR SLEEP.
OR DO ANYTHING OTHER
THAN...*DOOM*.



AND THEY SERVE
THE WORST
DOCTOR DOOM
OF THEM ALL.

WHO'S A
POWERFUL
SORCERER.



THANKFULLY, WE'VE
GOT A COUPLE OF
THOSE OURSELVES.

YOU
SHOULD SEE THE
FIREWORKS.

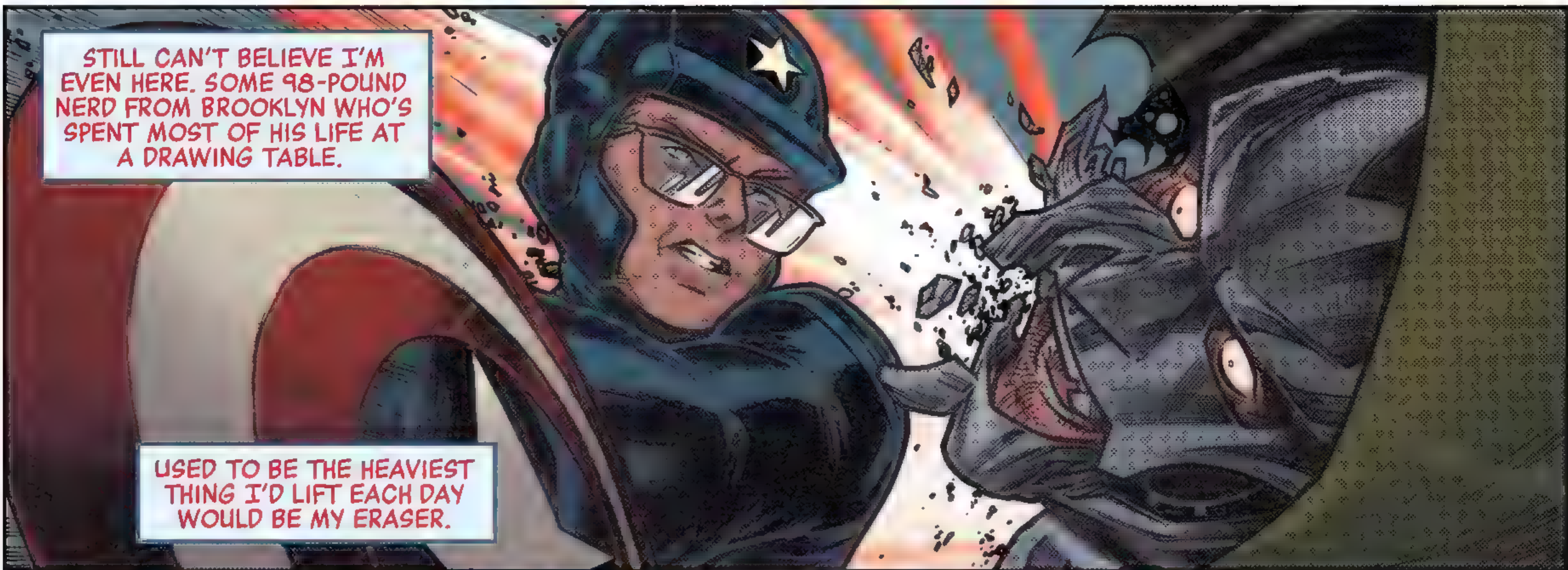
WHENEVER THERE HAPPENS
TO BE A BRIEF MOMENT
WHEN NO ONE'S TRYING
TO KILL ME...I JUST KINDA...

...STAND AROUND
AND TRY TO
TAKE IT ALL IN.

I MEAN, IT'S A WAR, SO
THERE ARE PARTS OF IT I'D
JUST AS SOON FORGET.

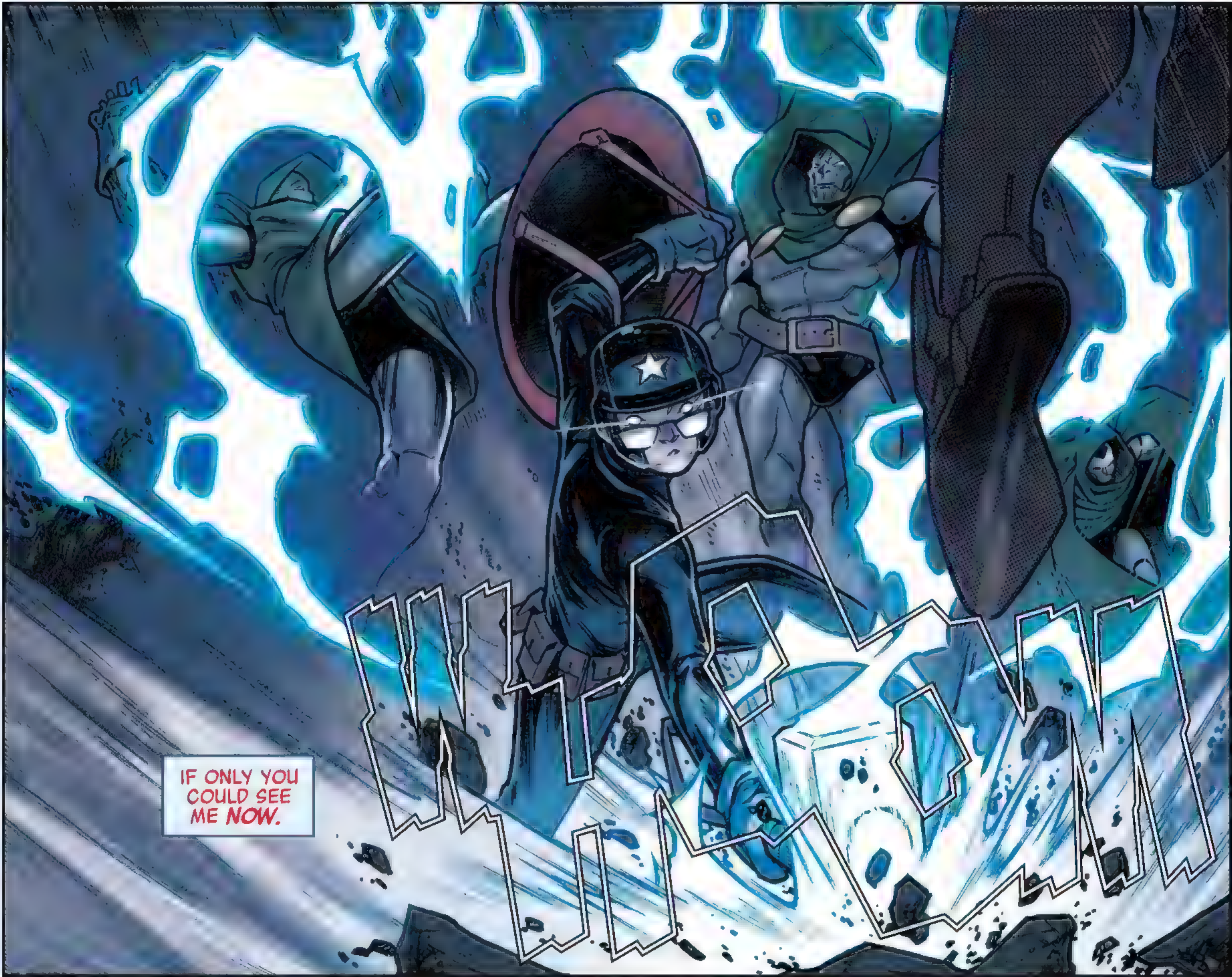
BUT THERE ARE
OTHER SIGHTS
THAT...I CAN'T
HELP BUT STARE
AT IN AWE.

BELIEVE ME, I'LL DO MY BEST
TO REMEMBER EVERY DETAIL...
SO I CAN TELL YOU ALL
ABOUT IT WHEN I GET HOME.

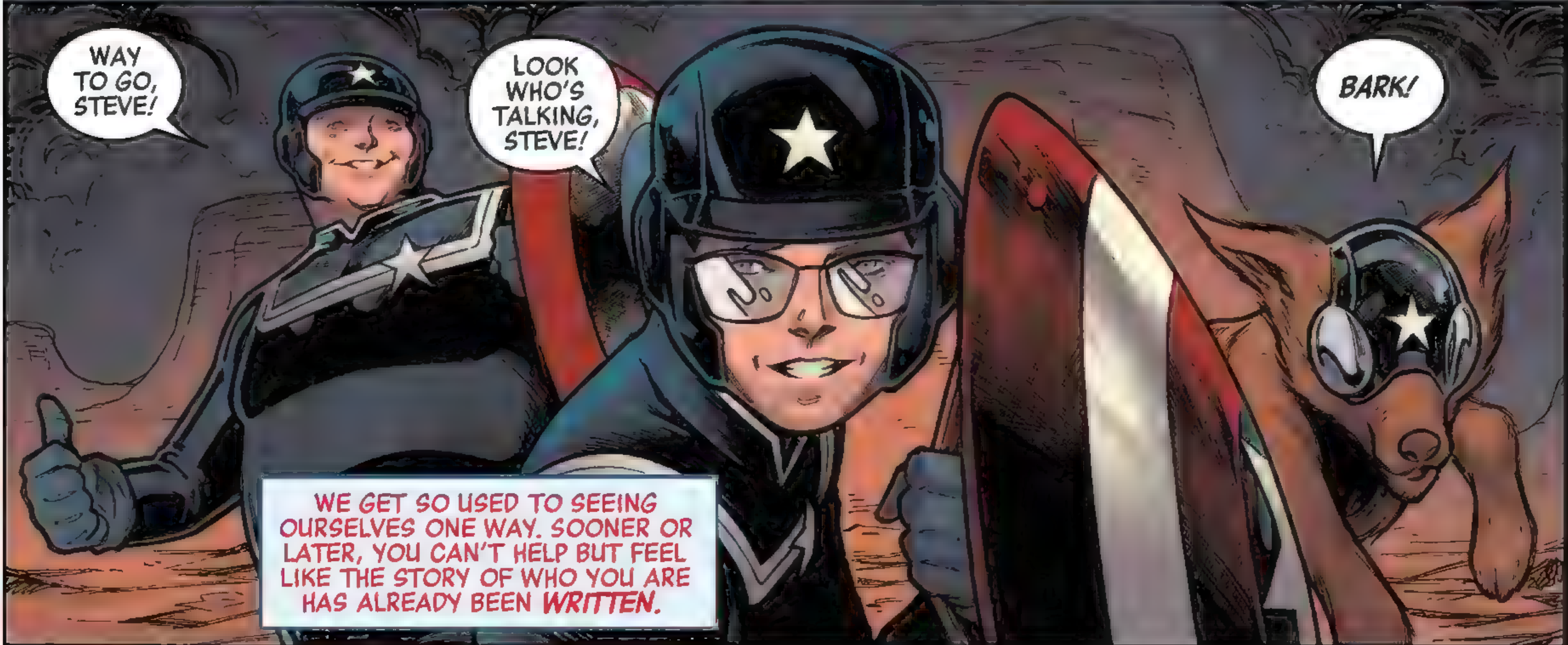


STILL CAN'T BELIEVE I'M
EVEN HERE. SOME 98-POUND
NERD FROM BROOKLYN WHO'S
SPENT MOST OF HIS LIFE AT
A DRAWING TABLE.

USED TO BE THE HEAVIEST
THING I'D LIFT EACH DAY
WOULD BE MY ERASER.



IF ONLY YOU
COULD SEE
ME NOW.



WAY
TO GO,
STEVE!

LOOK
WHO'S
TALKING,
STEVE!

BARK!

WE GET SO USED TO SEEING
OURSELVES ONE WAY. SOONER OR
LATER, YOU CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL
LIKE THE STORY OF WHO YOU ARE
HAS ALREADY BEEN **WRITTEN**.



BUT IT TURNS OUT THERE
CAN ALWAYS BE MORE TO YOU
THAN YOU EVER IMAGINED.

KEEP UP
THE GOOD WORK,
STEVES.

WOW.

UH, YES,
SIR, YOU
TOO...

...STEVE.



YOU, NEW
GUY! MAINTAIN
FORMATION!

MA'AM,
YES, MA'AM.

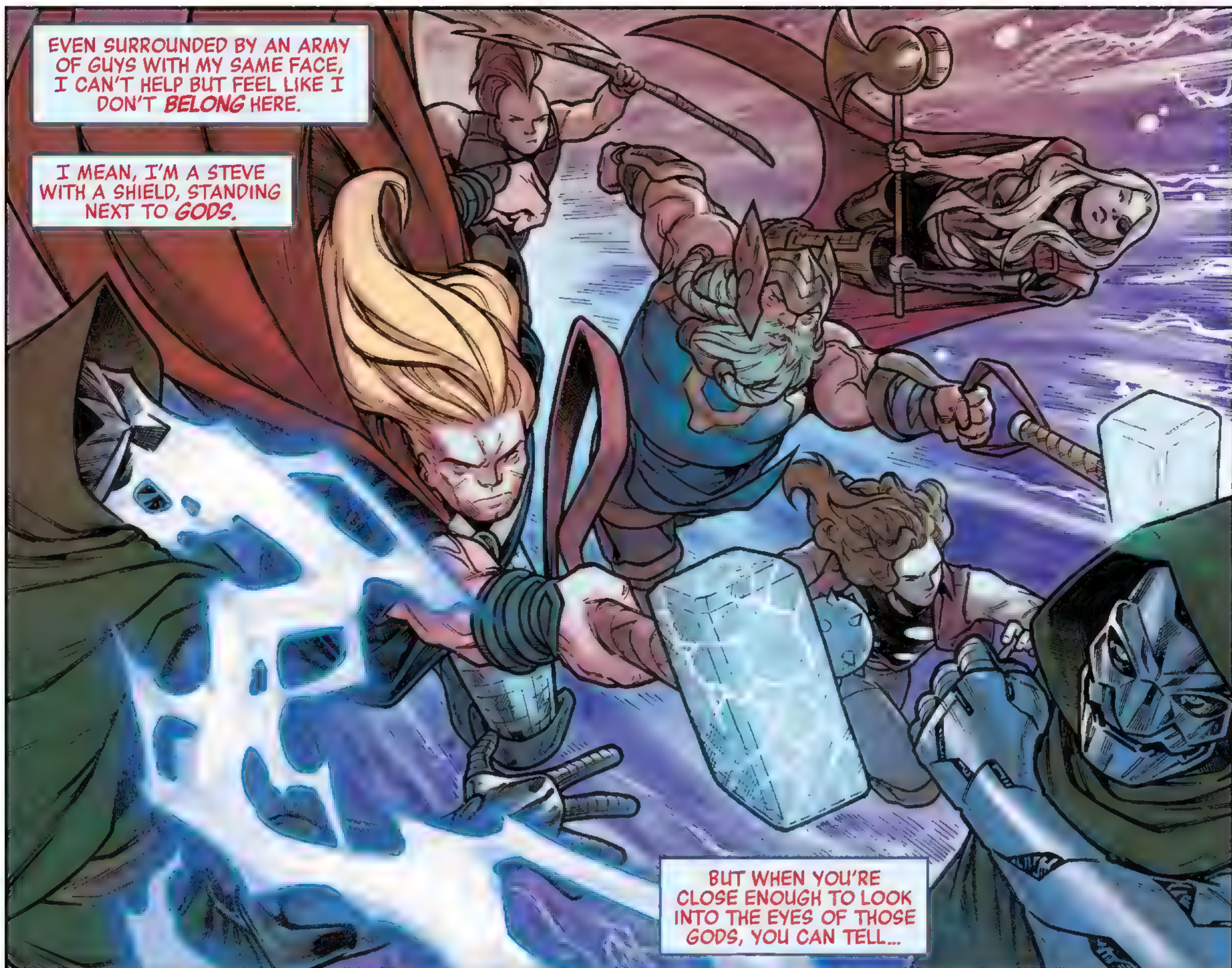


THEY DIDN'T
TELL ME THERE'D BE
ANOTHER TONY STARK
HERE. I MEAN, I GOT
SOBER FOR THIS.

YOU WERE DRUNK.
THAT EXPLAINS IT. ONLY
REASON I'D EVER
BECOME ANT-MAN.

I HATE
MYSELF FOR HOW
MUCH I LIKE YOU
RIGHT NOW.

SPOKEN LIKE
THE MOST
TONY OF ALL
THE TONYS.



EVEN SURROUNDED BY AN ARMY
OF GUYS WITH MY SAME FACE,
I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL LIKE I
DON'T **BELONG** HERE.

I MEAN, I'M A STEVE
WITH A SHIELD, STANDING
NEXT TO **GODS**.

BUT WHEN YOU'RE
CLOSE ENOUGH TO LOOK
INTO THE EYES OF THOSE
GODS, YOU CAN TELL...



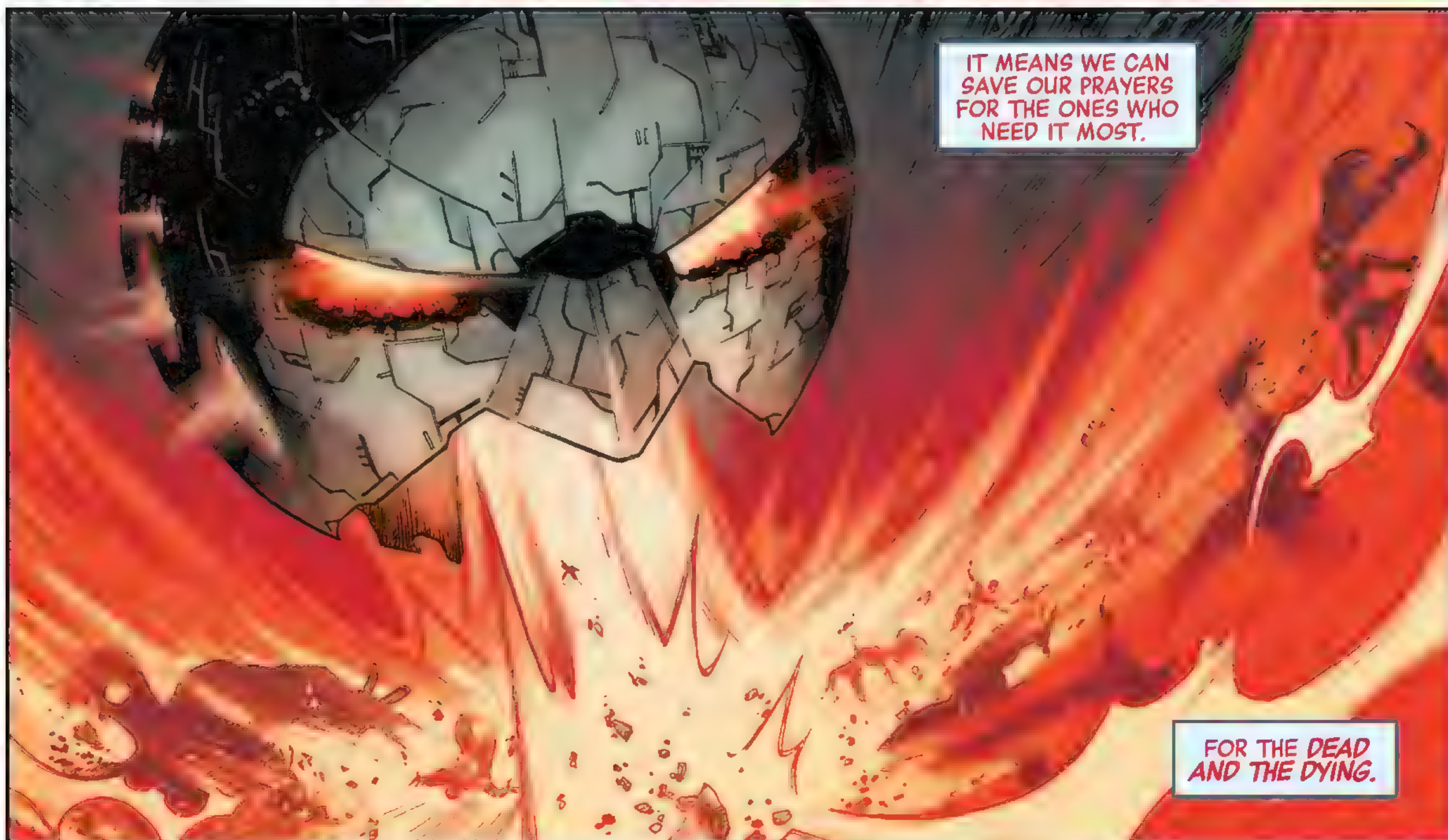
...THEY'RE JUST
AS **AFRAID** AS
YOU OR ME.

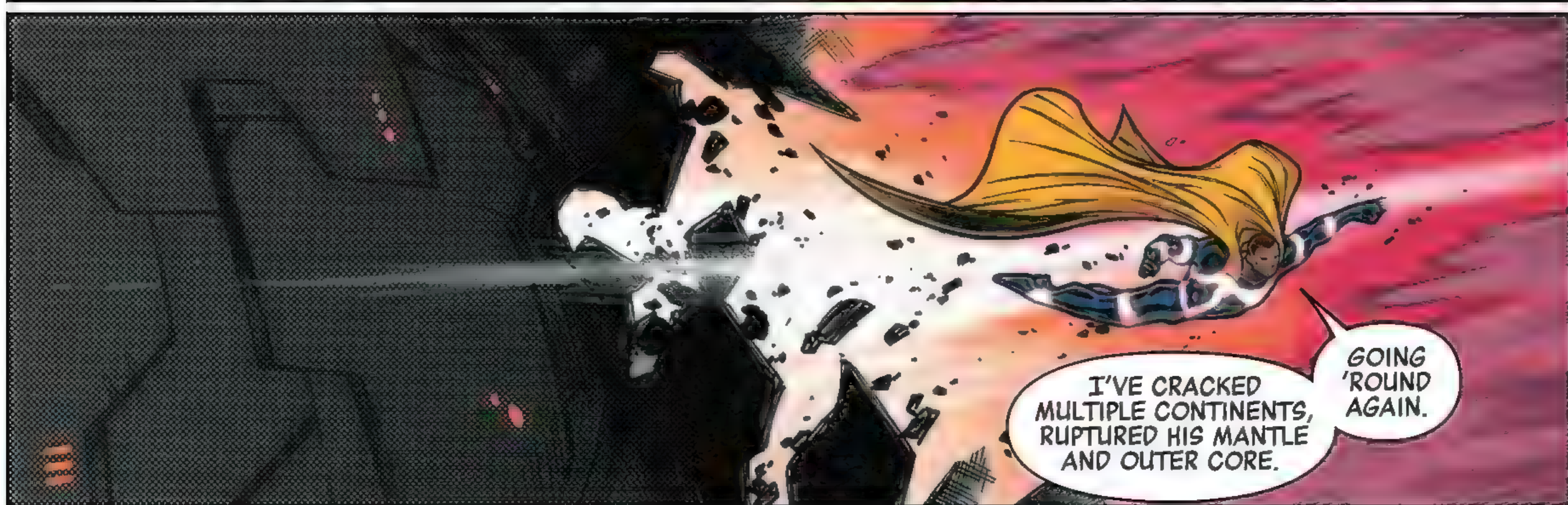


YOU'D THINK
THAT WOULD
BE TERRIFYING.
BUT I ACTUALLY
FIND IT KINDA
COMFORTING.

ALL YOUR
FIRE, PHOENIX!
FOCUS EVERYTHING
YOU'VE GOT ON
THAT ONE
DOOM!

WHICH DOOM?
THERE'S AN ARMY
OF THEM!



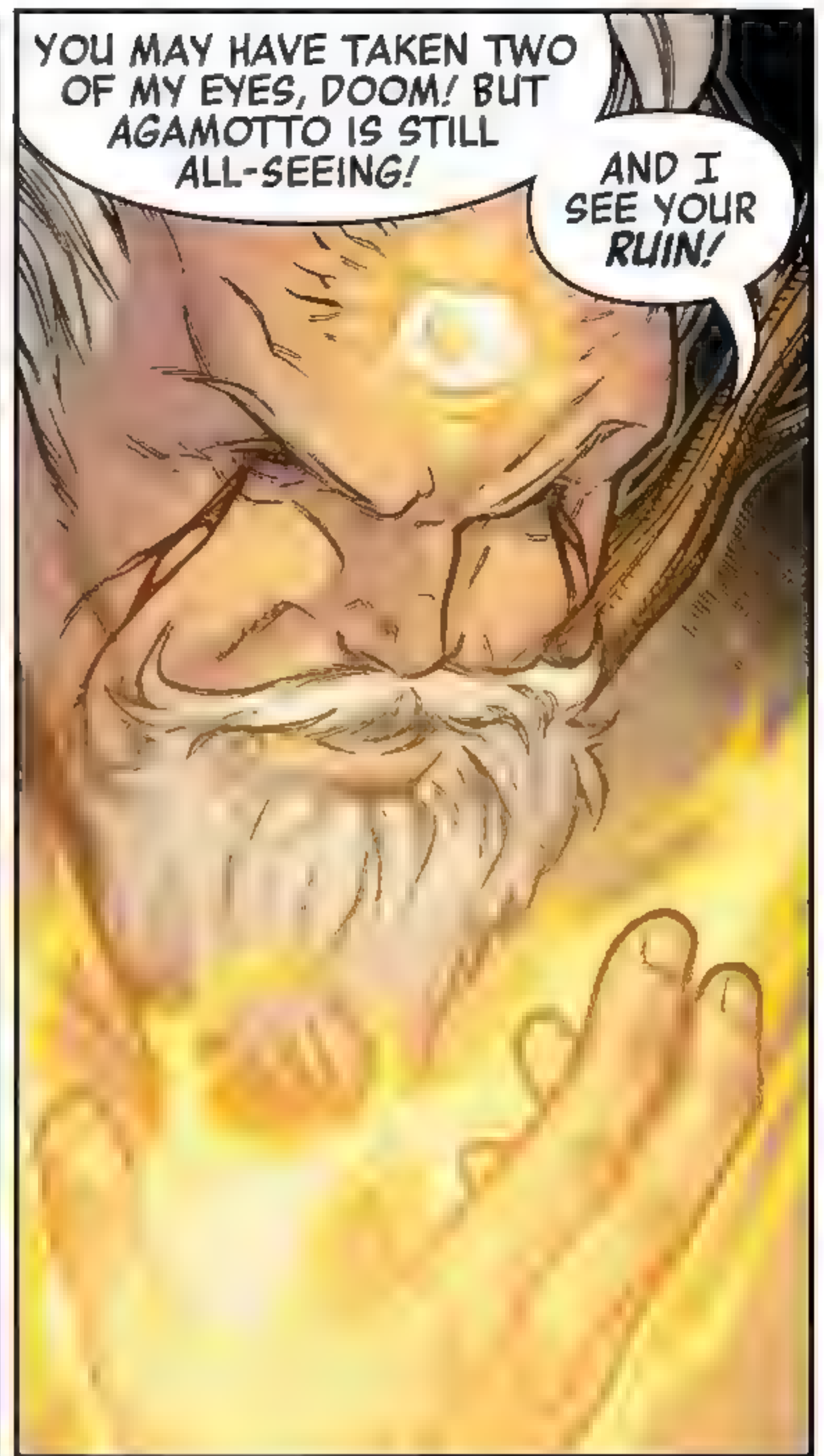






YOU'RE
CARRYING IT...
RIGHT NOW.

MEDIC!!!



YOU MAY HAVE TAKEN TWO
OF MY EYES, DOOM! BUT
AGAMOTTO IS STILL
ALL-SEEING!

**AND I
SEE YOUR
RUIN!**



AND I SEE
THE AIR IN YOUR
LUNGS TURNING
TO ACID.

HRRRRGGGEEHH!

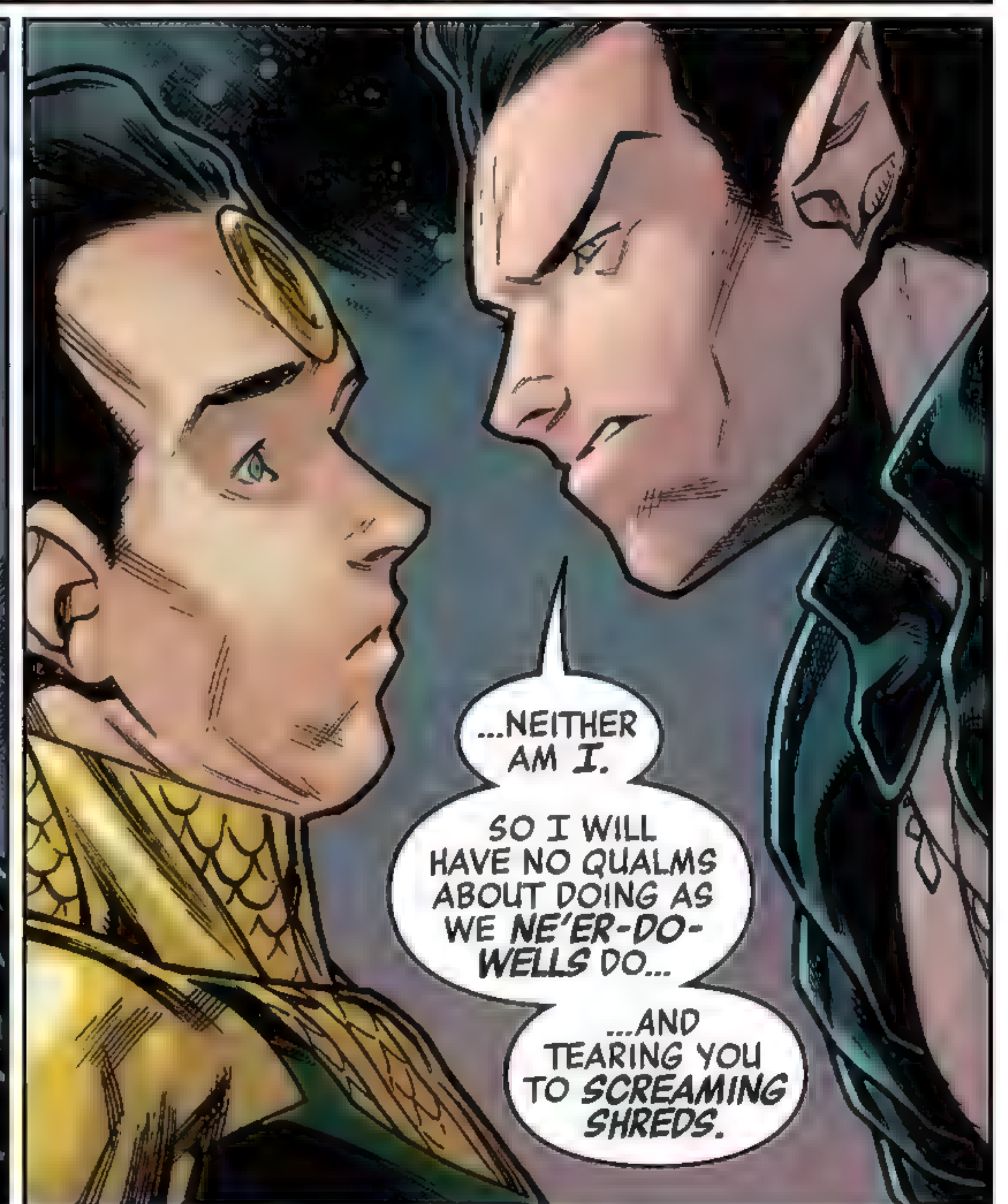
DRINK DEEP,
AGAMOTTO. THIS
IS AS CLOSE TO
MERCY AS DOOM
HAS TO OFFER.



THE CAVE WIZARD
HAS FALLEN. YOU
STAND ALONE,
LOKI.

TIME TO
CAST ASIDE THIS
"AVENGER PRIME"
FARCE AND AT LEAST
DIE AS WHAT YOU
WERE MEANT TO BE...
A BACKSTABBING
WORM OF A
GOD.

FINE. JUST
TURN AROUND
FOR ME,
VICTOR.





ARRRRGGGGHH!!!



"THE PANTHER JUST TORE OUT THE LIVING PLANET'S EYE. THERE'S OUR OPENING."



TIME TO SHOW DOOM THAT NOBODY DESTROYS A PLANET LIKE THE PHOENIX.



WE'RE CARVING CANYONS THROUGH HIS INSIDES!

AVENGERS ON THE GROUND! PREPARE FOR INCOMING!



"IN THE FORM OF A TIDAL WAVE OF MOLTEN DOOM BLOOD!"



DO YOU FEEL IT?

THE PRIMORDIAL POWER BENEATH THIS FOREST OF WITHERED GODS.

GUGGH!



THAT POWER WILL BELONG TO DOOM.

ALL THOSE RAVAGED WORLDS, ALL THOSE PREHISTORIC AVENGERS LAID TO WASTE. BUT IT WAS NEVER ABOUT EARTHS, WAS IT?

YOU AND MEPHISTO WERE ONLY TRYING TO WEAKEN THE COSMIC BOUNDARY BETWEEN FIRMAMENTS. YOU FOOLS KNOW NOT WHAT YOU DO.

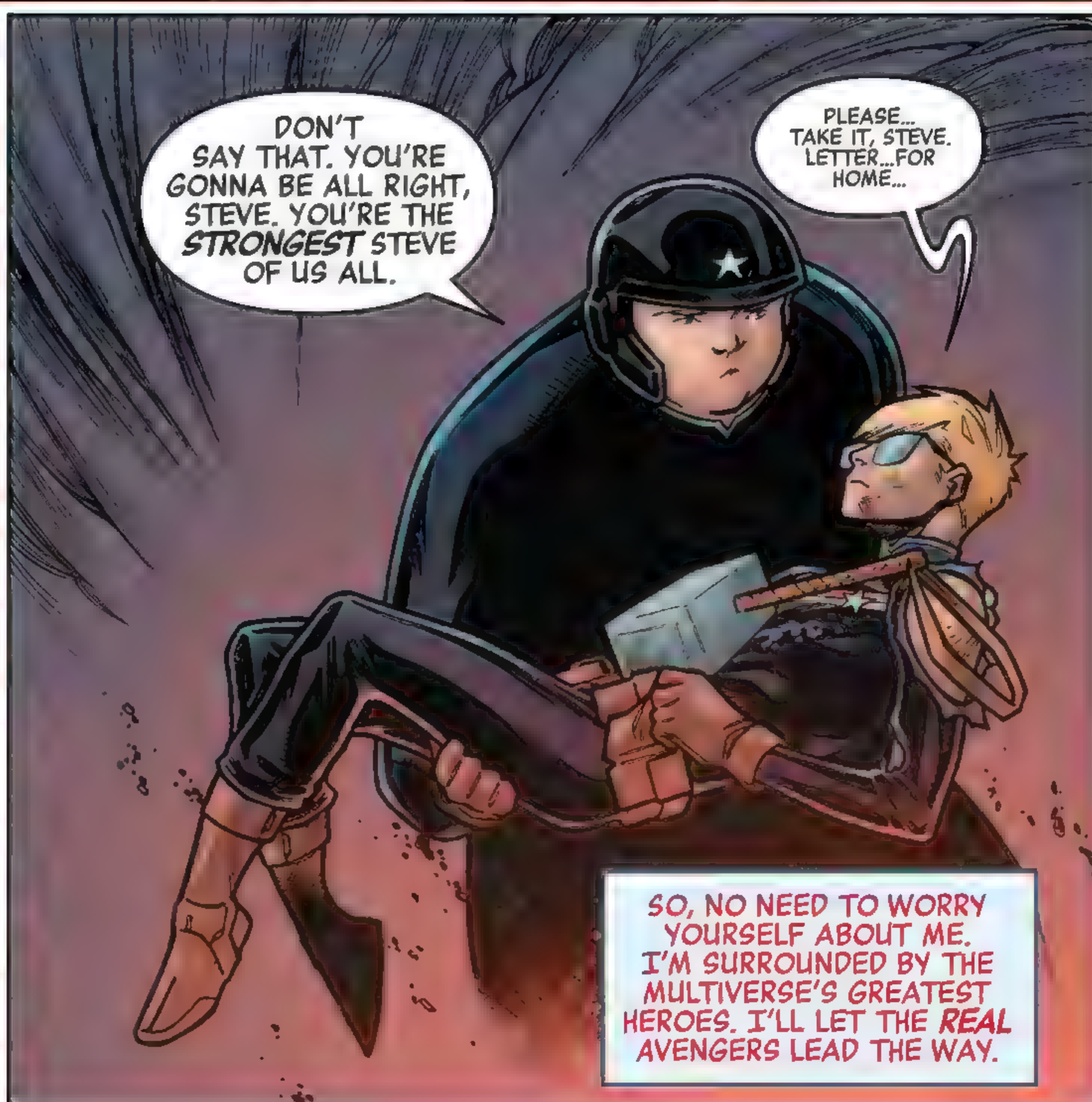


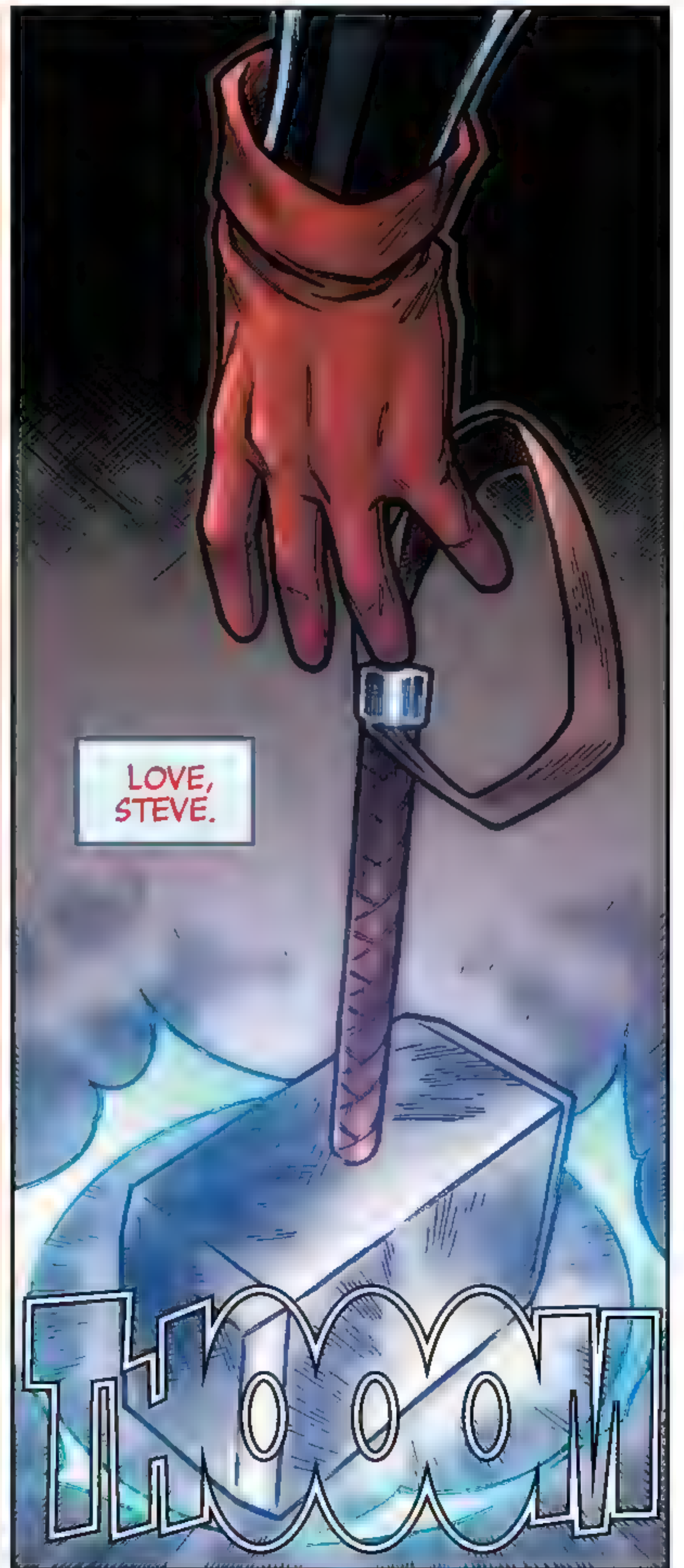
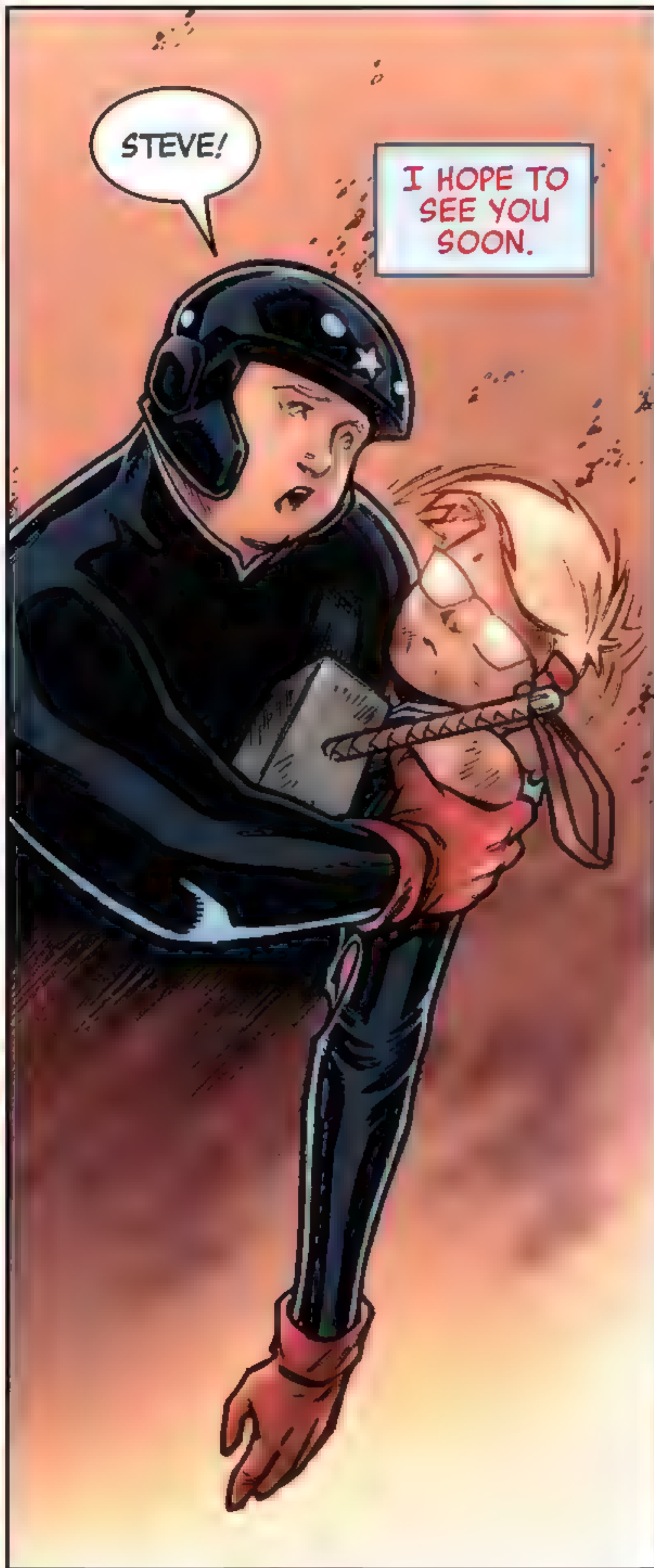
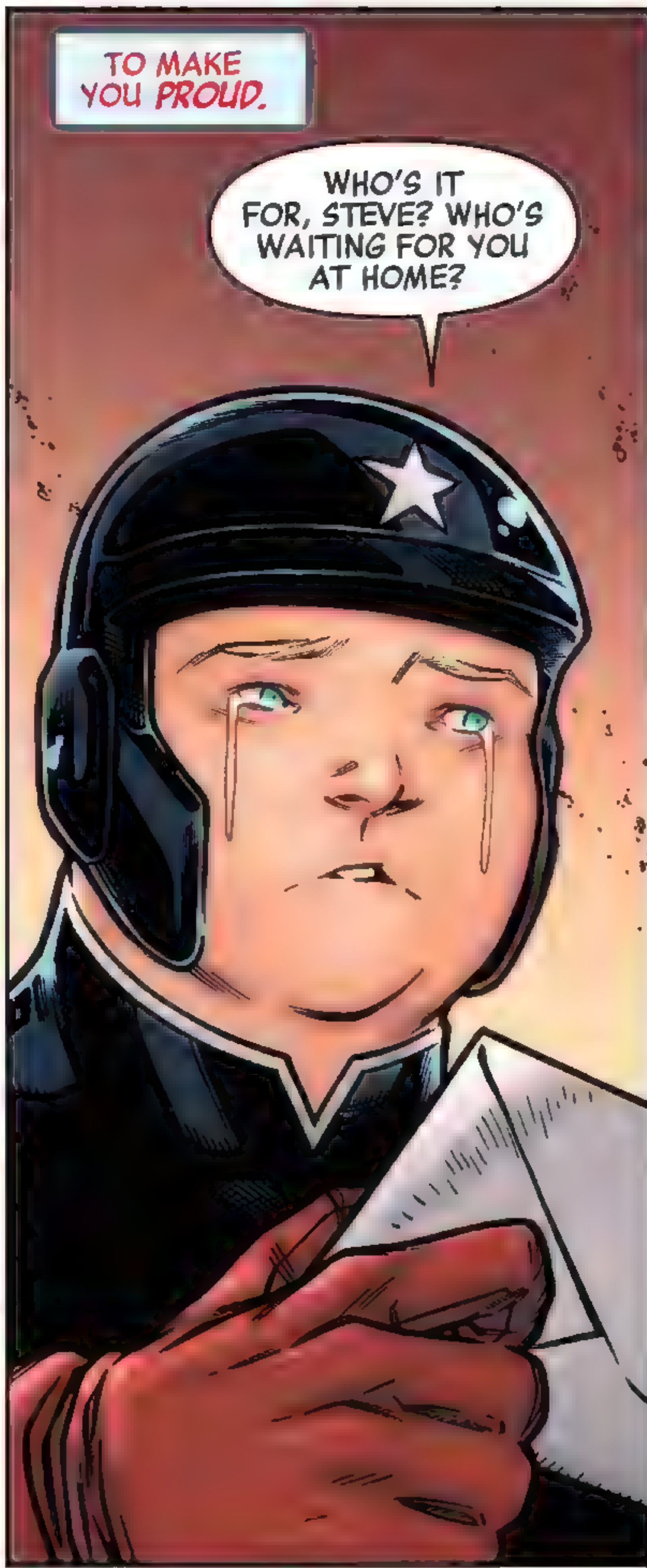
OH, I KNOW EXACTLY, WIZARD. AND NOTHING THAT STANDS ON THIS ROCK CAN DARE STOP ME.

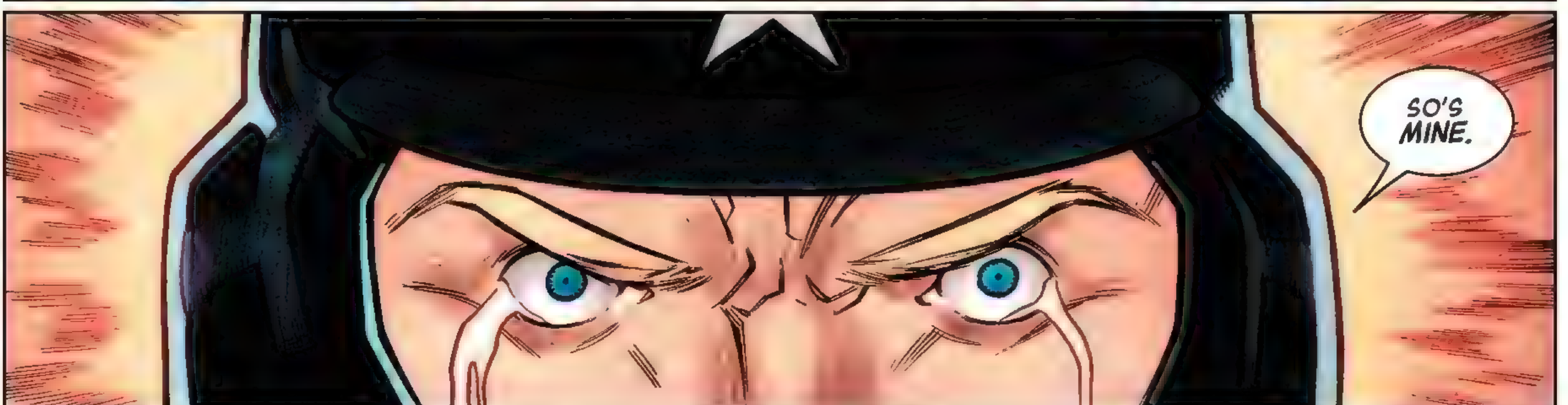
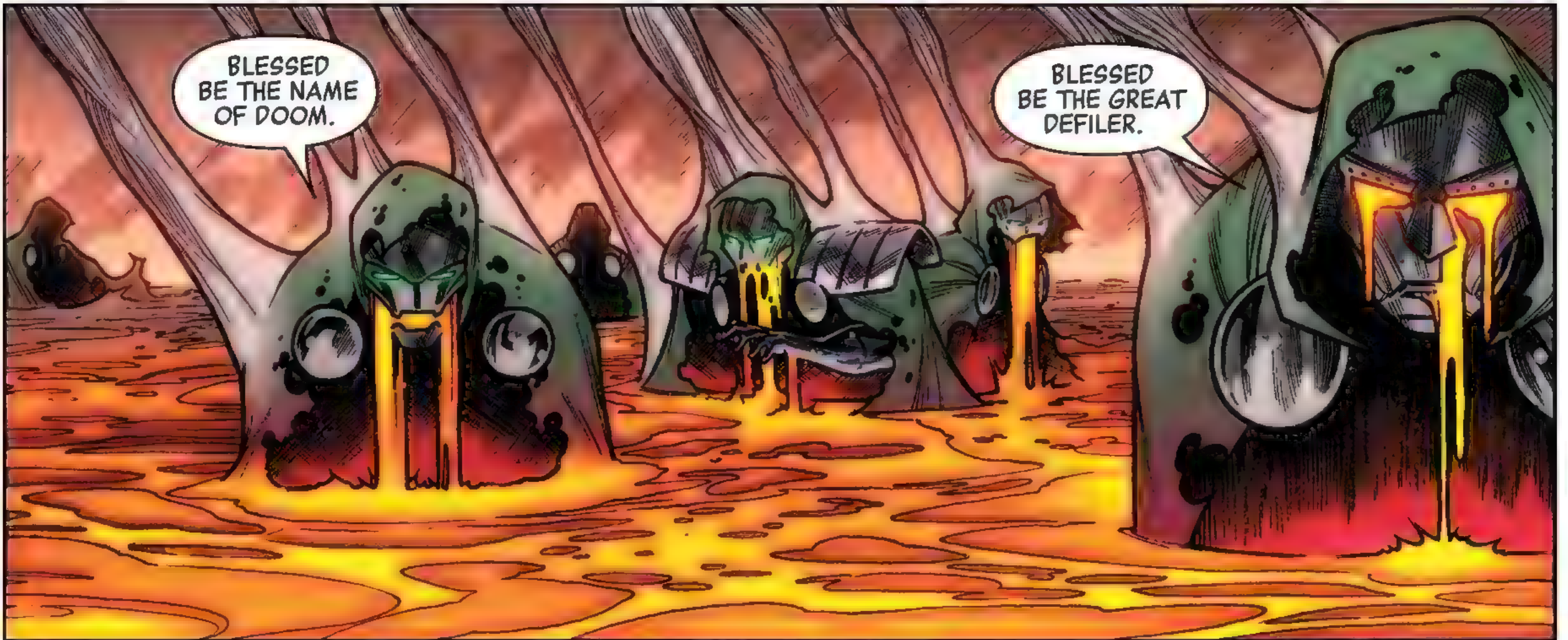
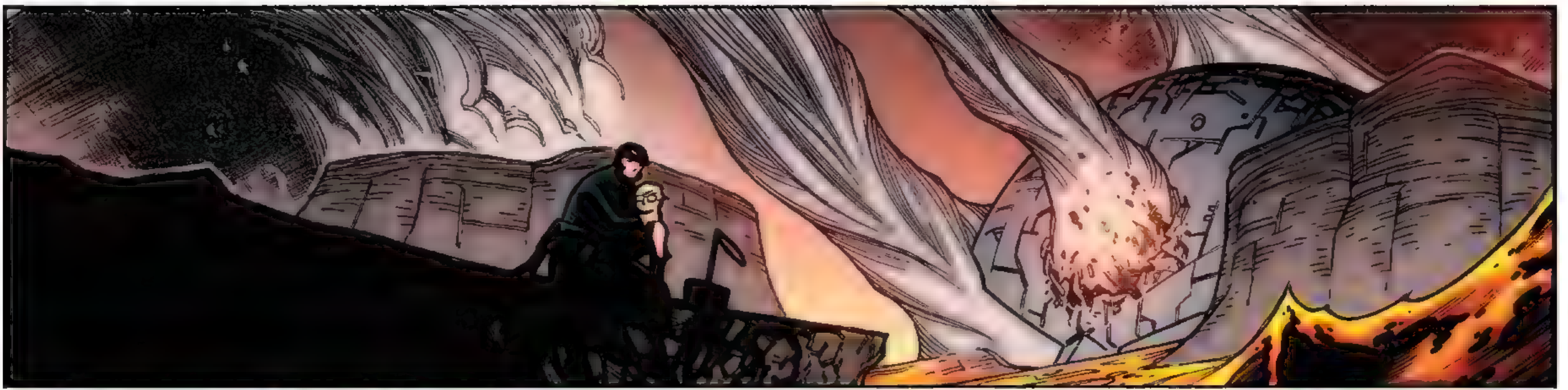


WE'RE NOT STANDING ON ROCK ANYMORE, DOOM.











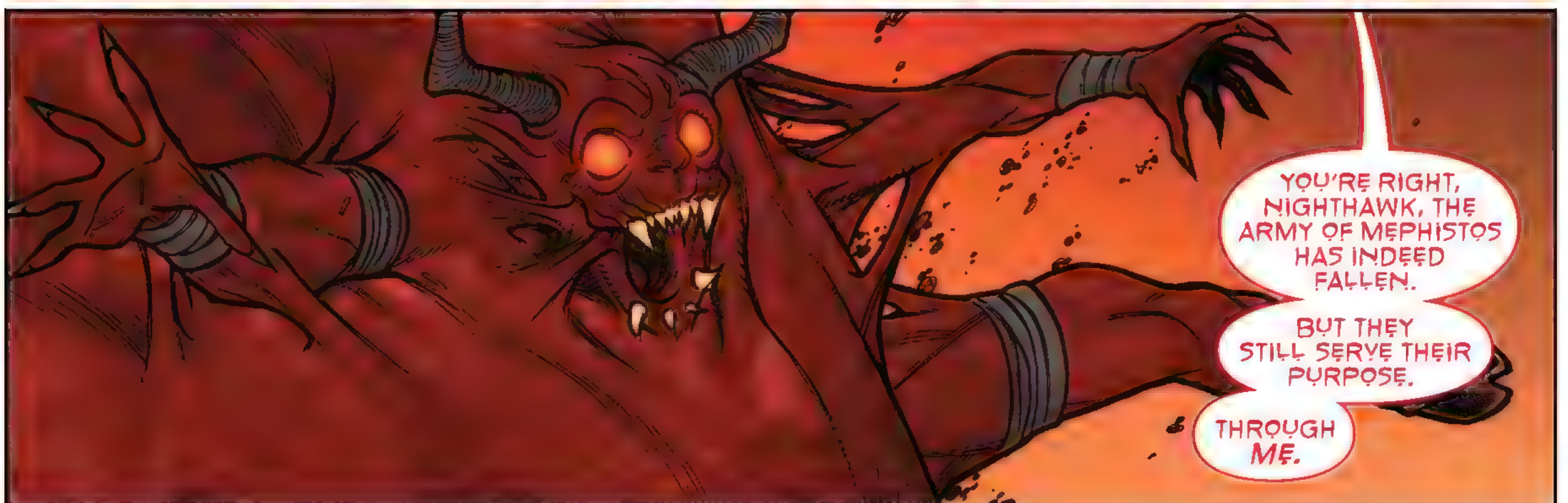
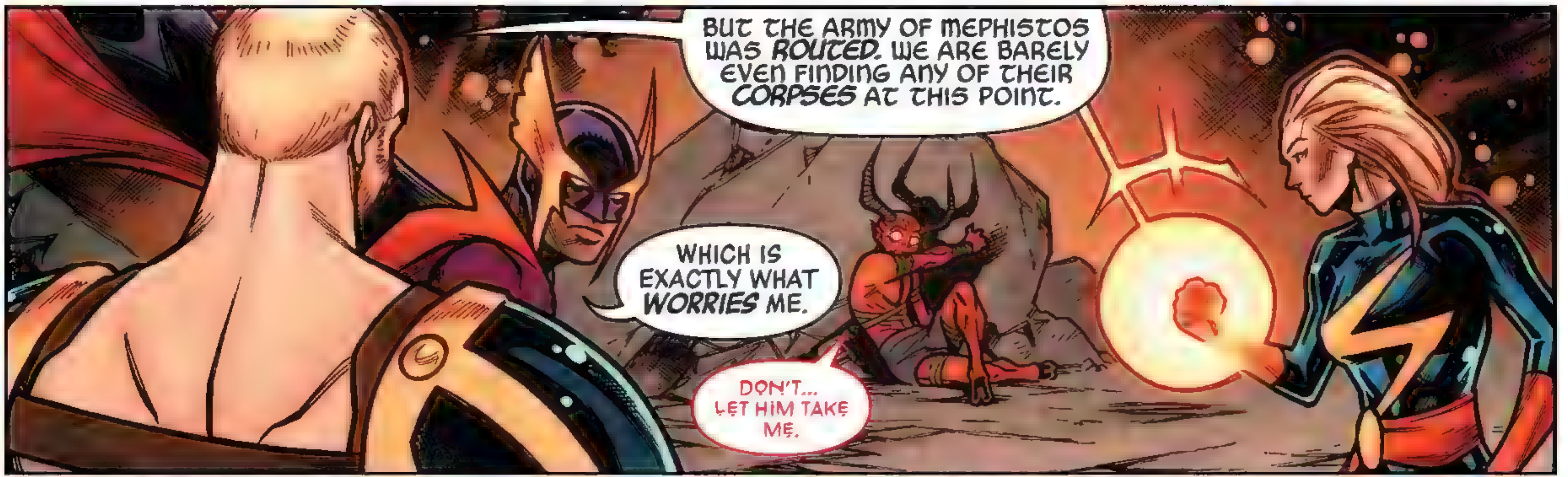
"THE THUNDER
SPEAKS OF WAR."



PERHAPS WE
SHOULD BE BACK
THERE WITH THE
OTHERS, FIGHTING
DOOMS.

THERE ARE
DARKER FORCES
THAN EVEN DOOM
AT WORK HERE. YOU
CAN FEEL IT IN THE
GROUND.

CAROL'S
RIGHT. BELIEVE
ME... MEPHISTO
DOES NOT GIVE
UP THAT
EASILY.





WELCOME,
AVENGERS...

...TO
THE END OF
EVERYTHING.



“THE FINAL ASSEMBLAGE”

AVENGERS 66

EARTH-616.
THE GENESIS POINT.

HATE TO
BREAK IT TO YOU,
MEPHISTO. BUT YOUR
MASTERS OF EVIL DIDN'T
TURN OUT TO BE TOO
MASTERFUL.

GHOST GOBLIN
IS DEAD. THE BLACK
SKULL WAS STRIPPED OF
HIS SYMBIOTE. KING
KILLMONGER HAD HIS
FACE BEATEN IN BY
THE IRON FIST.

AND DARK
PHOENIX AND DOOM
SEEM TO HAVE FLED
THE TIMELINE
COMPLETELY.

YET YOU
REMAIN, THANOS?
WHY IS THAT?

SO I CAN
GET WHAT I
WAS AFTER ALL
ALONG.

KNOWLEDGE.

IN THE FORM
OF A FEW FRESH
CORPSES FOR THE
DISSECTION
TABLE.

HMMPH!



THE SKULL
DOESN'T APPEAR
TO BE A CORPSE
JUST YET.

LET'S
NOT QUIBBLE
OVER TRIVIAL
DETAILS.

YOUR
GRAND PLAN TO
REWRITE YOUR EARTH'S
HISTORY WAS AN UTTER
FAILURE. BUT WHY DO I
GET THE IDEA YOU'RE
NOT EXACTLY
DEVASTATED?



WHEN
YOU'VE BEEN THE
KING OF HELL AS
LONG AS I HAVE...YOU
LEARN TO ALWAYS
EXPECT PITIFUL
RESULTS FROM
HUMANKIND.

EVEN THEN,
THEY MANAGE TO
SURPRISE YOU IN
THEIR CAPACITY FOR
WOEFUL DISAPPOINTMENT.
I WISH YOU WELL IN
YOUR CONTINUED QUEST
FOR KNOWLEDGE,
YOUNG TITAN.



AND YOU,
MEPHISTO? YOU PLAN
ON STICKING AROUND
TO TAKE ON ALL THOSE
TEAMS OF AVENGERS
BY YOURSELF?

THERE ARE
CERTAINLY EASIER
WAYS TO COMMIT
SUICIDE.

HA.



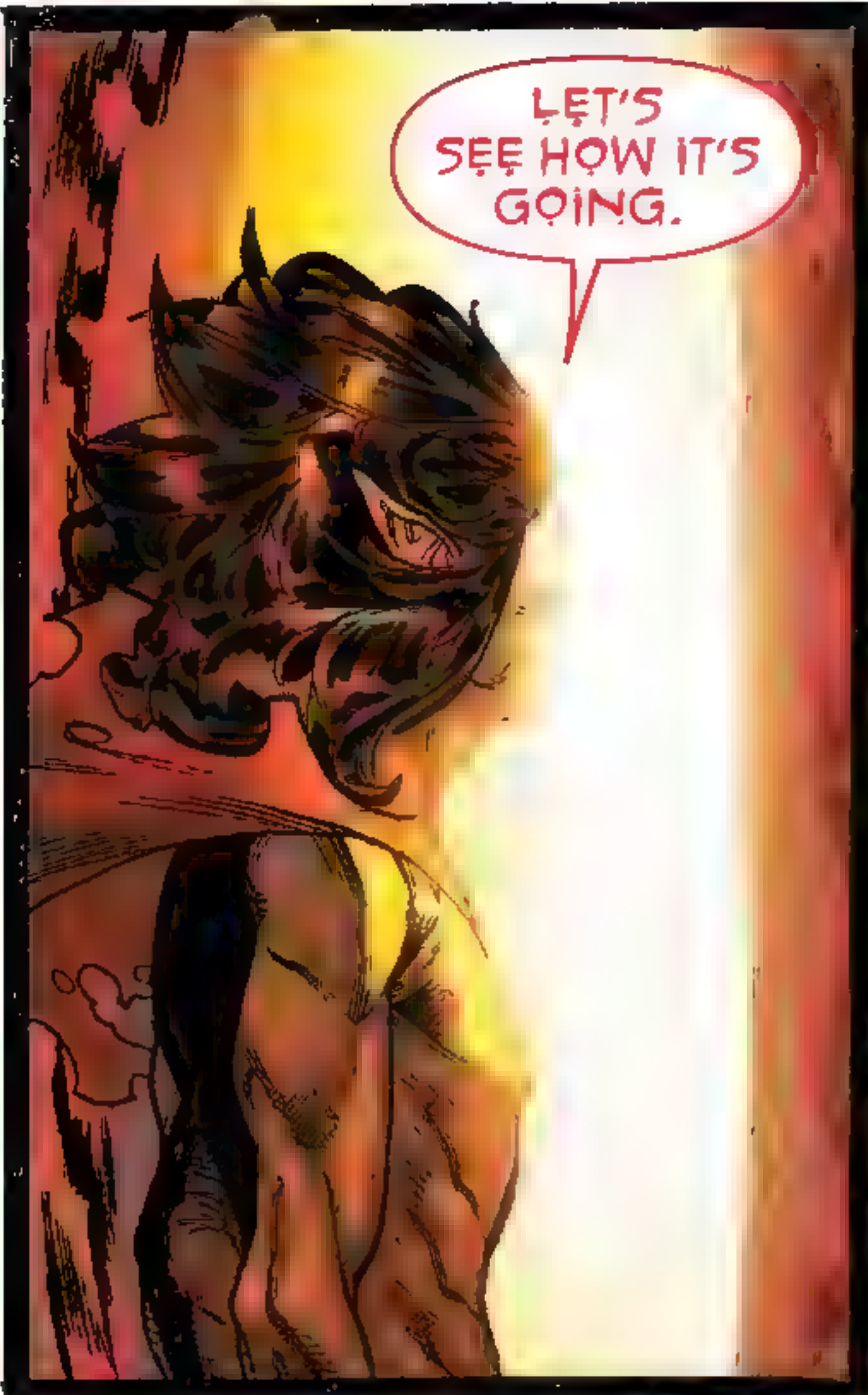
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HA HAA HA
HA!

CREEP.

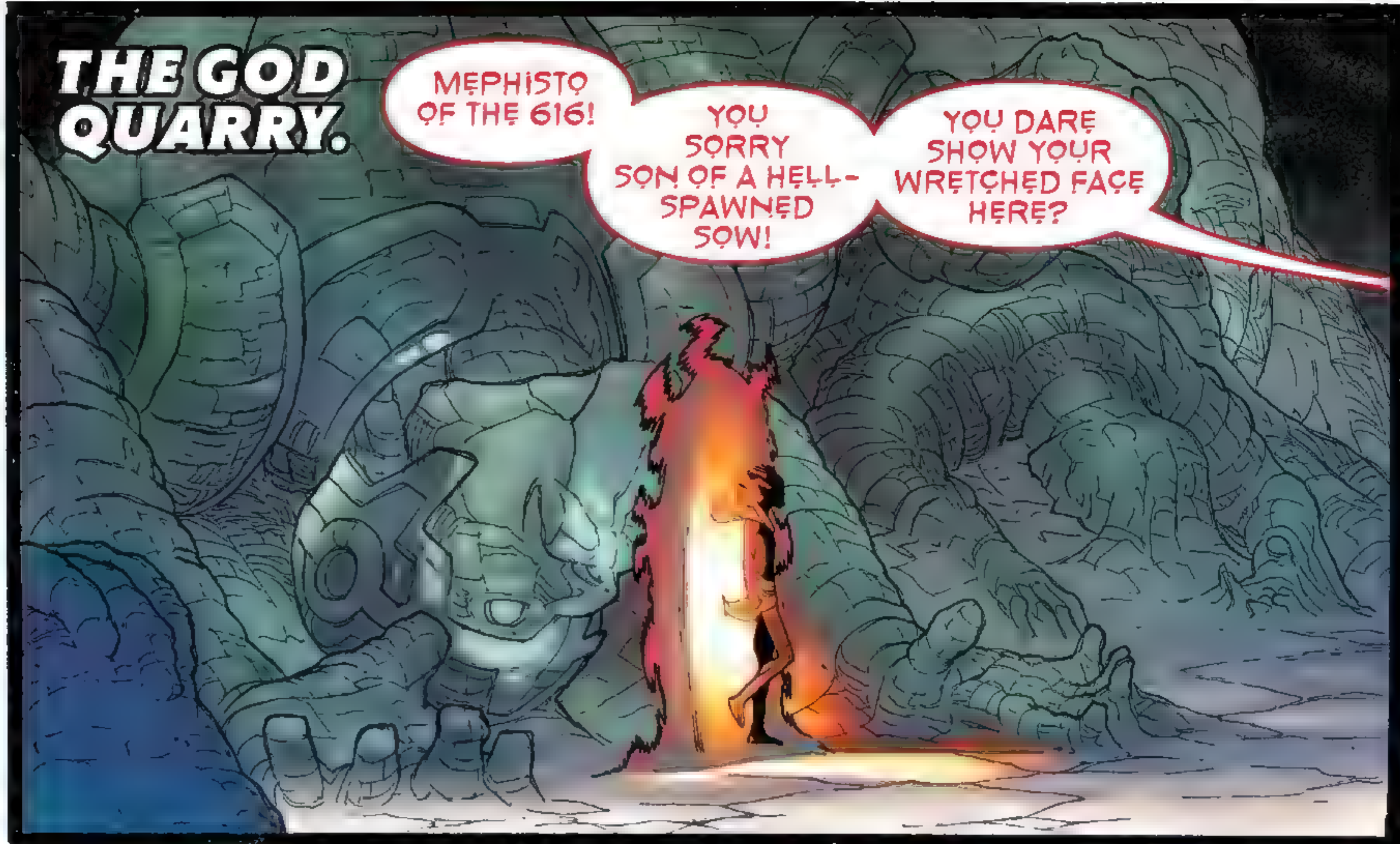


TAKING ON
THE AVENGERS
BY MYSELF.
HEH.

THAT'S
A FINE
IDEA.



LET'S
SEE HOW IT'S
GOING.



THE GOD QUARRY.

MEPHISTO
OF THE 616!

YOU
SORRY
SON OF A HELL-
SPAWNED
SOW!

YOU DARE
SHOW YOUR
WRETCHED FACE
HERE?



THE COUNCIL
OF RED IS MOST
DISPLEASED.

OH, DEAR ME.
WELL, CONSIDER
ME MORTIFIED, MY
BROTHERS.

I MUST
APOLOGIZE AT
ONCE TO THE ENTIRE
COUNCIL FOR WHATEVER
IT IS I'VE DONE TO OFFEND
THEM. WHERE IS THE
REST OF THE
COUNCIL?



WE'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT, YOU COWARD. THE OTHERS FELL IN BATTLE.

YOU LIED TO YOUR OWN, 616! MEPHISTOS DO NOT LIE TO MEPHISTOS!

YOU SAID THE RESISTANCE WOULD BE MINIMAL! BUT THERE ARE MORE AVENGERS HERE THAN THERE ARE GUT PITS IN HELL!



OH MY, YES, OF COURSE. QUITE THE ARMY, INDEED. I THOUGHT I MADE THAT PART CLEAR?

BUT I SEE YOU DID PUT UP SOMETHING OF A FIGHT, AT LEAST.

CRACKS ARE FORMING IN THE BEDROCK OF THE GOD QUARRY. AND NOW THAT DOOM HAS COME WITH AN ARMY OF HIS OWN, THOSE CRACKS WILL SPREAD.



UNTIL THIS GROUND BECOMES SO BROKEN THAT I CAN SHATTER IT WITH MY OWN FIST. AT LAST UNLEASHING...WHAT LIES BENEATH.

FOR ALL THE WORLDS TO SEE.



YOU'RE NOT SHATTERING ANYTHING, 616. THE COUNCIL HAS VOTED. AND YOU'VE BEEN SENTENCED TO--

OH, DON'T TELL ME, LET ME GUESS!

DEATH?!

HRRRGH!!!

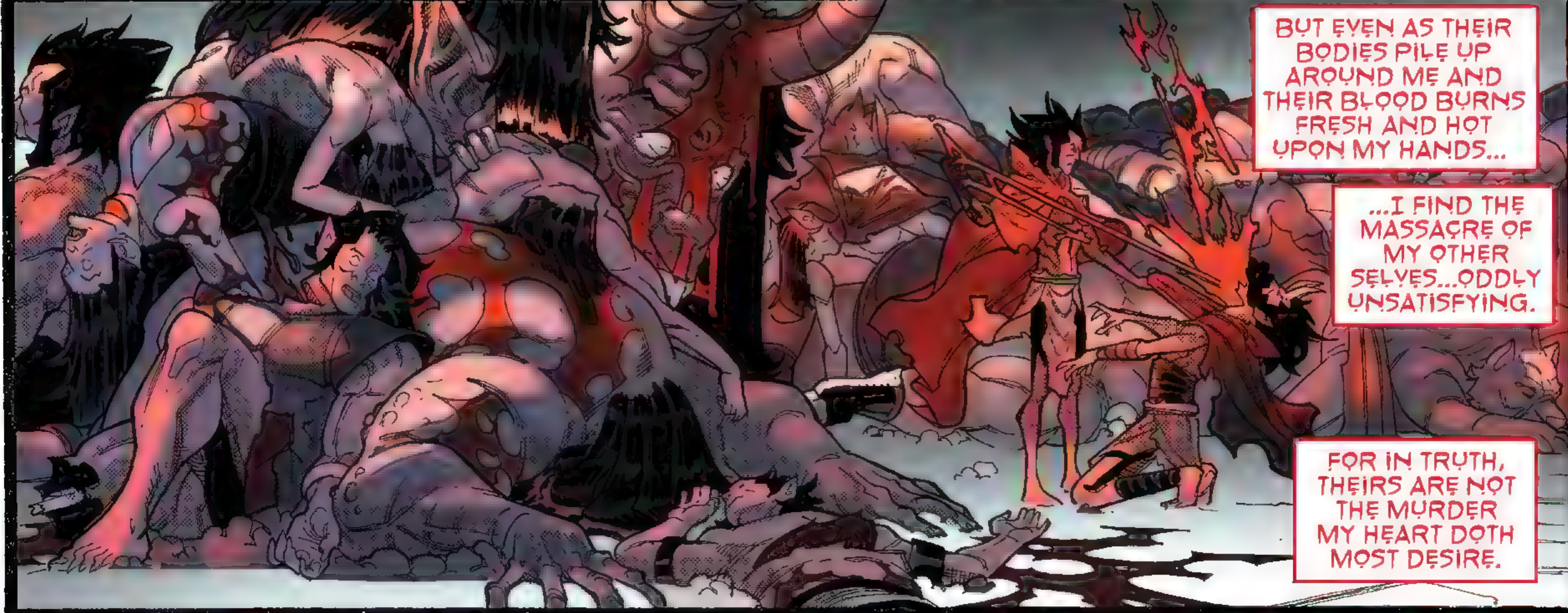


KNOW THIS. AND
KNOW THAT IT IS THE
UNEQUIVOCAL,
INDUBITABLE TRUTH.

I TAKE NO PLEASURE
IN THE KILLING OF
MY OTHER SELVES.

OKAY, THAT
IS A LIE.

THERE IS MOST
CERTAINLY SOME
PLEASURE INVOLVED.



BUT EVEN AS THEIR
BODIES PILE UP
AROUND ME AND
THEIR BLOOD BURNS
FRESH AND HOT
UPON MY HANDS...

...I FIND THE
MASSACRE OF
MY OTHER
SELVES...ODDLY
UNSATISFYING.

FOR IN TRUTH,
THEIRS ARE NOT
THE MURDER
MY HEART DOTH
MOST DESIRE.

THE COUNCIL HAD BEEN WEAKENED
BY ITS WAR WITH THE AVENGERS,
WHILE I HAVE ONLY GROWN STRONGER.

EMPOWERED BY THE
RAYAGING OF
EARTHS. SIPHONING
THE ESSENCE
FROM EACH OF THOSE
RUINED UNIVERSES.

ALL FOR THIS
MOMENT.

BUT LISTEN TO ME, PRATTLING
ON ABOUT MY GRANDIOSE
PLANS FOR DESTRUCTION.
HOW VERY RUDE. TELL ME...

...HOW
ARE YOU?

YES,
YOU.

HEARING ME WHILE TRAPPED
IN YOUR NIGHTMARE OR
FIDDLING WITH YOUR OUIJA
BOARD OR PLAYING SOME
RIDICULOUS HEAVY-METAL
RECORD BACKWARD.

HOWEVER MY VOICE IS COMING
TO YOU NOW, IN WHATEVER CORNER
OF EXISTENCE YOU RESIDE...

AAARGGH!!!

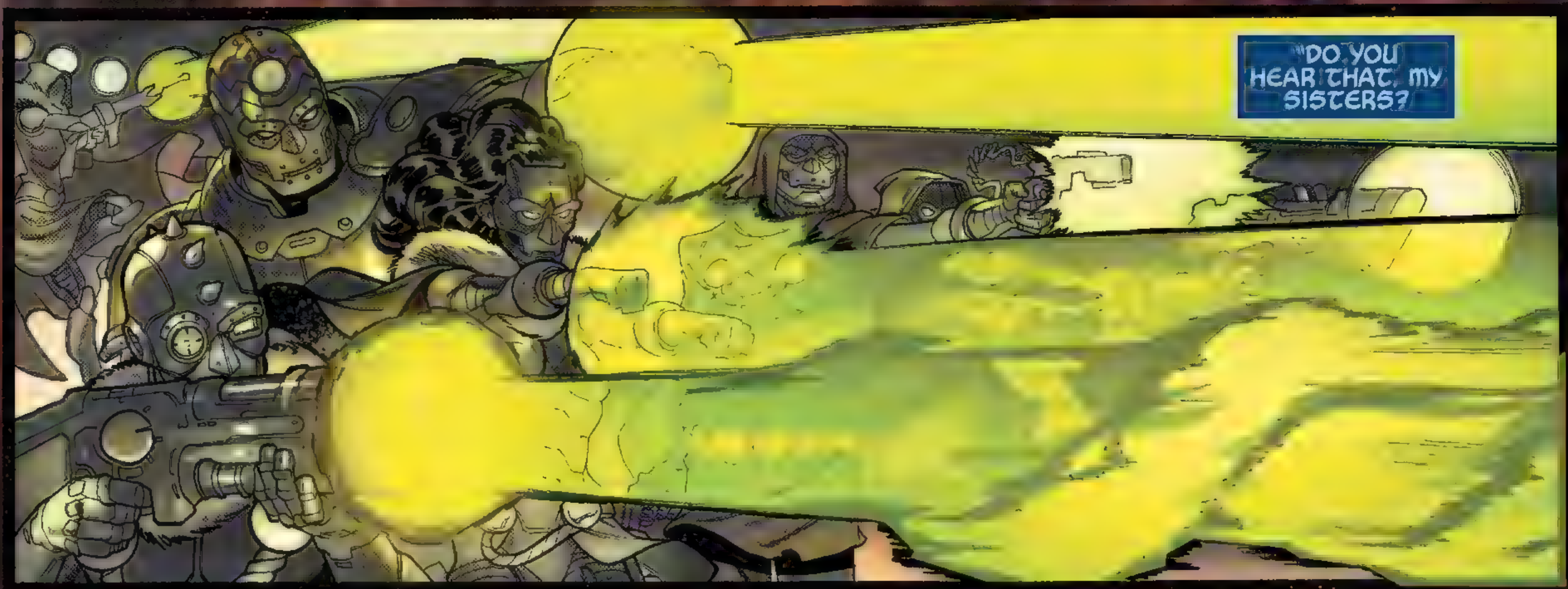
...THERE'S
SOMETHING
I WOULD LIKE
YOU TO KNOW.

YOU'RE
ALL ABOUT
TO DIE.

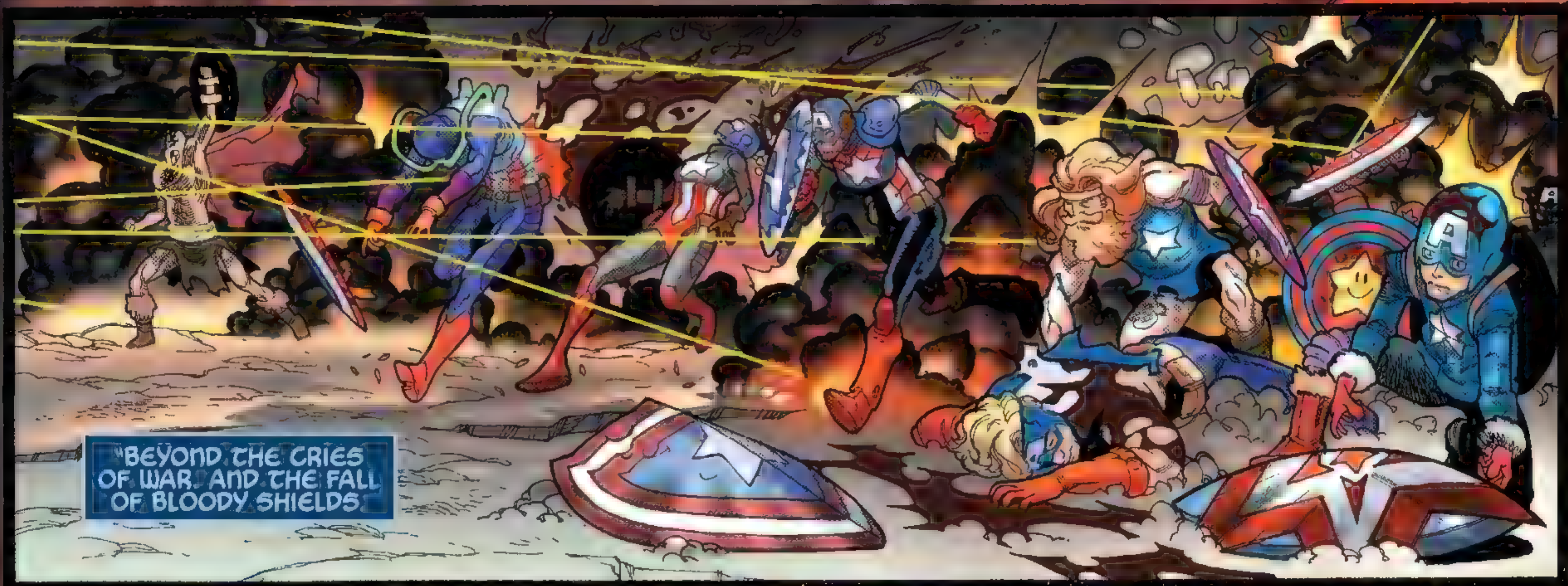
HRRRGH!!!

LOVE,
MEPHISTO.

P.S. HAAAAA
HA HA HA HAAAA!!!



"DO YOU
HEAR THAT, MY
SISTERS?"



"BEYOND THE CRIES
OF WAR, AND THE FALL
OF BLOODY SHIELDS."

"BEYOND THE
DEATH GURGLES
OF DOOMS..."



"AND THE SCREAMS
OF CAROLS WHO
REFUSE TO FALL."

"DO YOU
HEAR IT?"



ALL I HEAR
IS YOU PRATTLING
ON, SISTER.

GLUGH!



WHEN THERE
REMAINS A LEGION
OF DOOMS IN NEED
OF A GOOD
BLEEDING.

AND
JARNBJORN
IS HAPPY TO
OBLIGE.



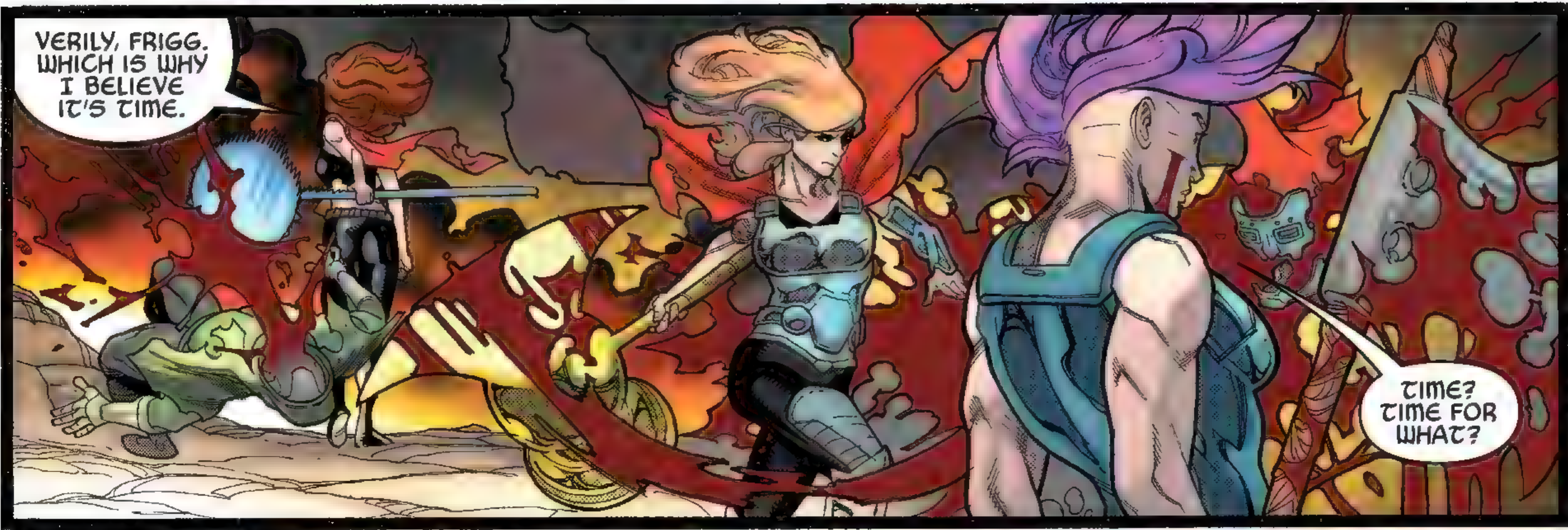
I HEAR
NOTHING...BEYOND
THE CACOPHONY OF
THE WAR TO END
ALL WARS.

THERE IS
SOMETHING
ELSE.

THE
GROUND
RUMBLES
BENEATH US.
THE SKIES
SCREAM.

A NEW
STORM IS
BREWING.

WE DON'T
HAVE TIME FOR
RIDDLES, ELLISIV.
AS ATLI SAID, THERE
IS STILL AN ARMY OF
MURDEROUS DOOMS
BEFORE US. AND ONE
THE SIZE OF A PLANET
WHO REFUSES
TO FALL.



VERILY, FRIGG.
WHICH IS WHY
I BELIEVE
IT'S TIME.

TIME?
TIME FOR
WHAT?

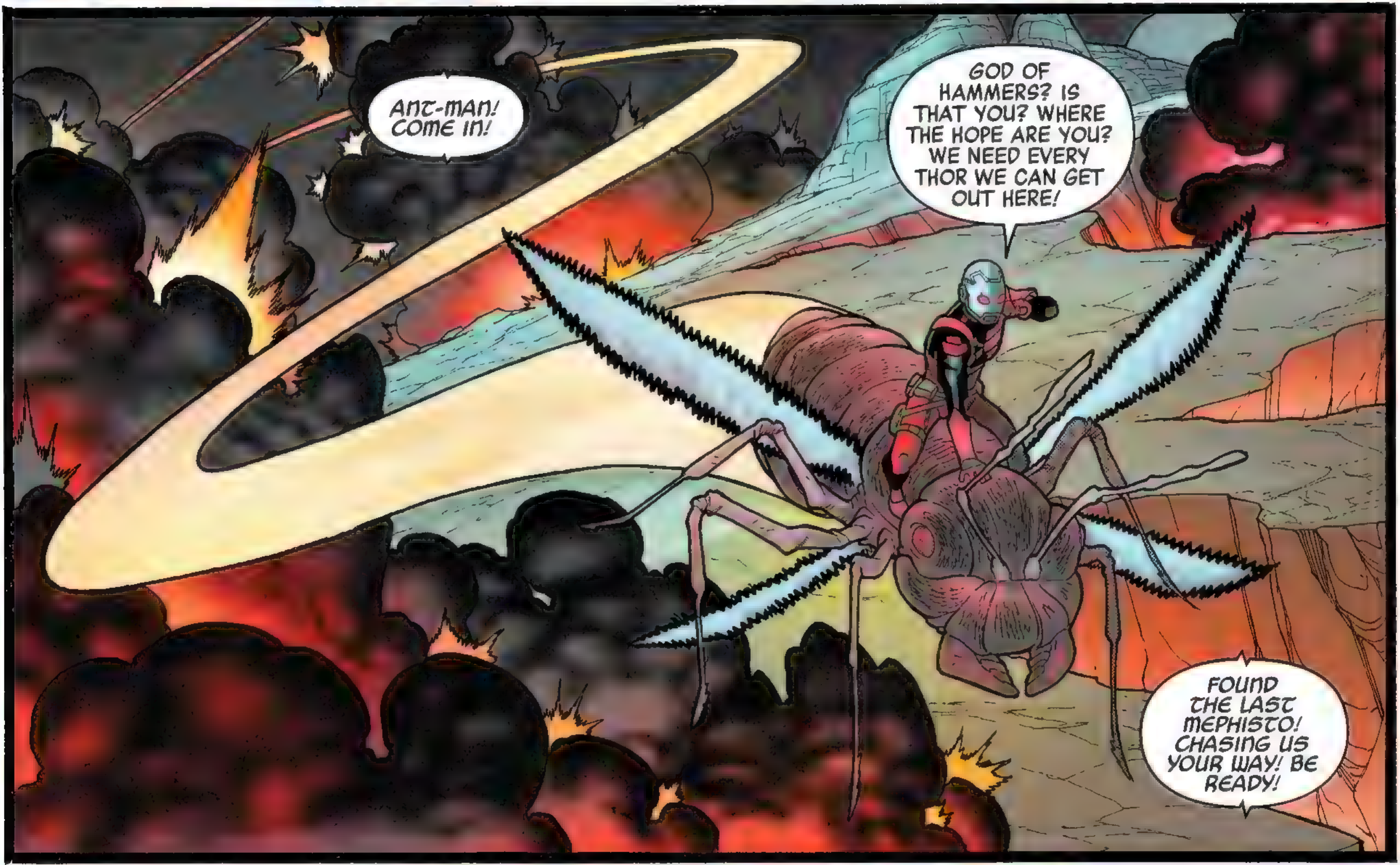
TIME
TO MAKE
GRANDFATHER
PROUD.



ANT-MAN!
COME IN!

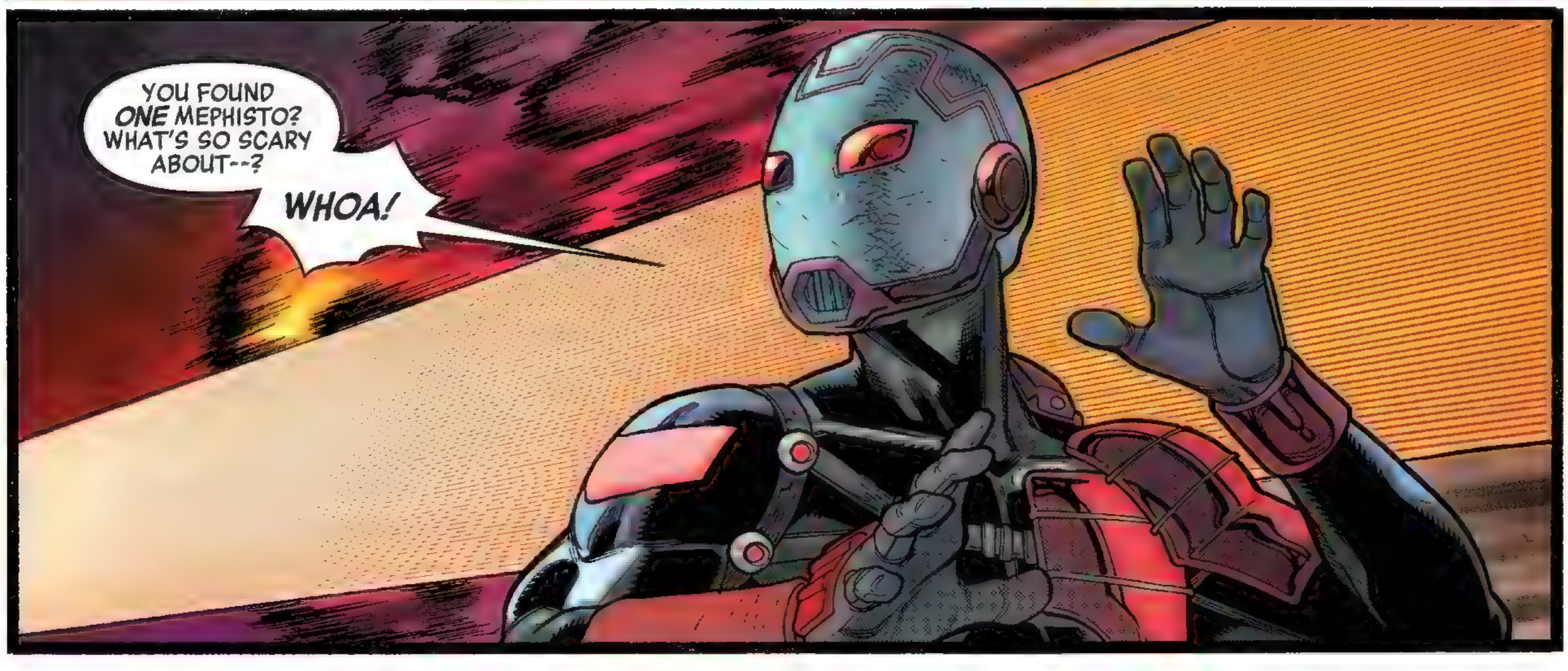
GOD OF
HAMMERS? IS
THAT YOU? WHERE
THE HOPE ARE YOU?
WE NEED EVERY
THOR WE CAN GET
OUT HERE!

FOUND
THE LAST
MEPHISTO!
CHASING US
YOUR WAY! BE
READY!



YOU FOUND
ONE MEPHISTO?
WHAT'S SO SCARY
ABOUT--?

WHOA!





WE'RE
GOING TO
NEED...

...MORE
AVENGERS.



ALL CAROLS!
TAKE DOWN THAT
GIANT! I REPEAT,
TAKE DOWN
THAT GIANT!

HIGHER,
FURTHER...



Ant-Man Prime is shown from the waist up, wearing his black and yellow suit. He is surrounded by a swirling green energy field. He has a determined expression and is looking slightly to the right.

ANT-MAN TO
AVENGER PRIME!
WE JUST LOST THE
CAROL CARRIER! WE
HAVE A CELESTIAL-
SIZED MEPHISTO AND
A DOOM THE LIVING
PLANET THAT ARE
KILLING US DOWN
HERE!

PLEASE TELL
ME YOU HAVE
SOMETHING ELSE
UP YOUR
SLEEVE!

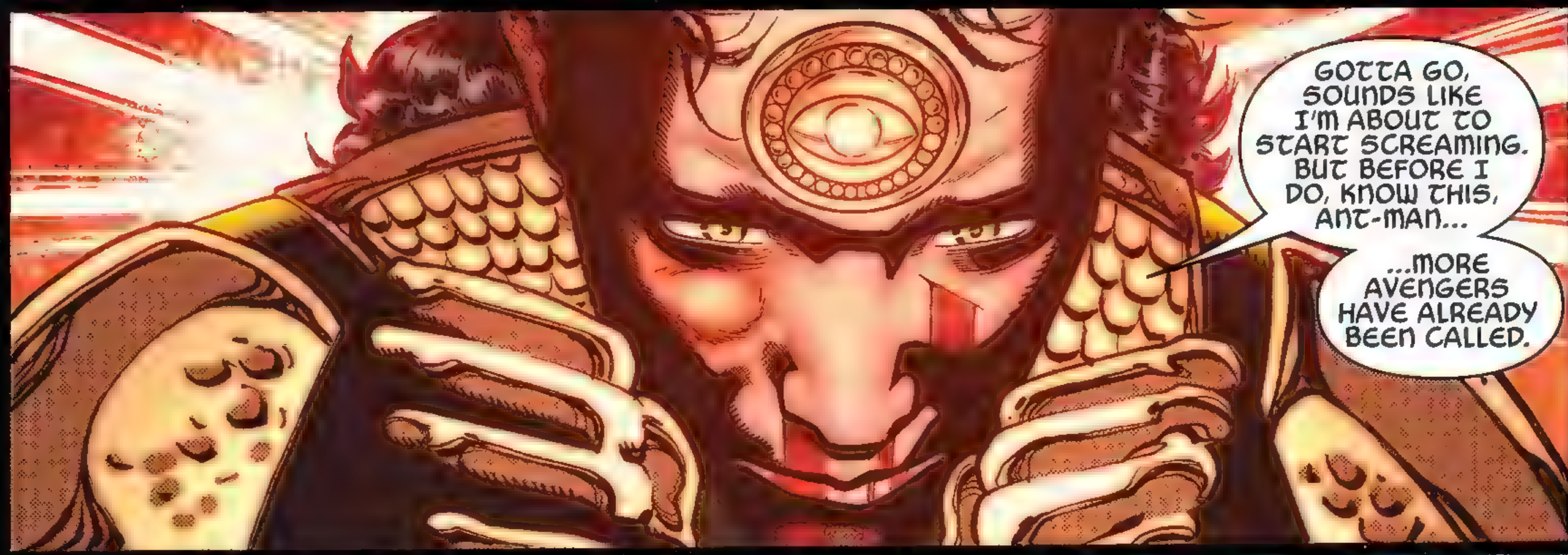
A BIT...
BUSY RIGHT
NOW!

Ant-Man Prime is shown in a dynamic pose, leaning forward with his right arm extended. He is surrounded by a swirling green energy field. In the background, a large, bright, circular energy field is visible.

I HEAR
THE SWEET,
DYING SCREAMS
OF AVENGERS!

THEY
SCREAM FOR
THEE, AVENGER
PRIME!

AND YOU
WILL SCREAM
FOR DOOM
SUPREME!

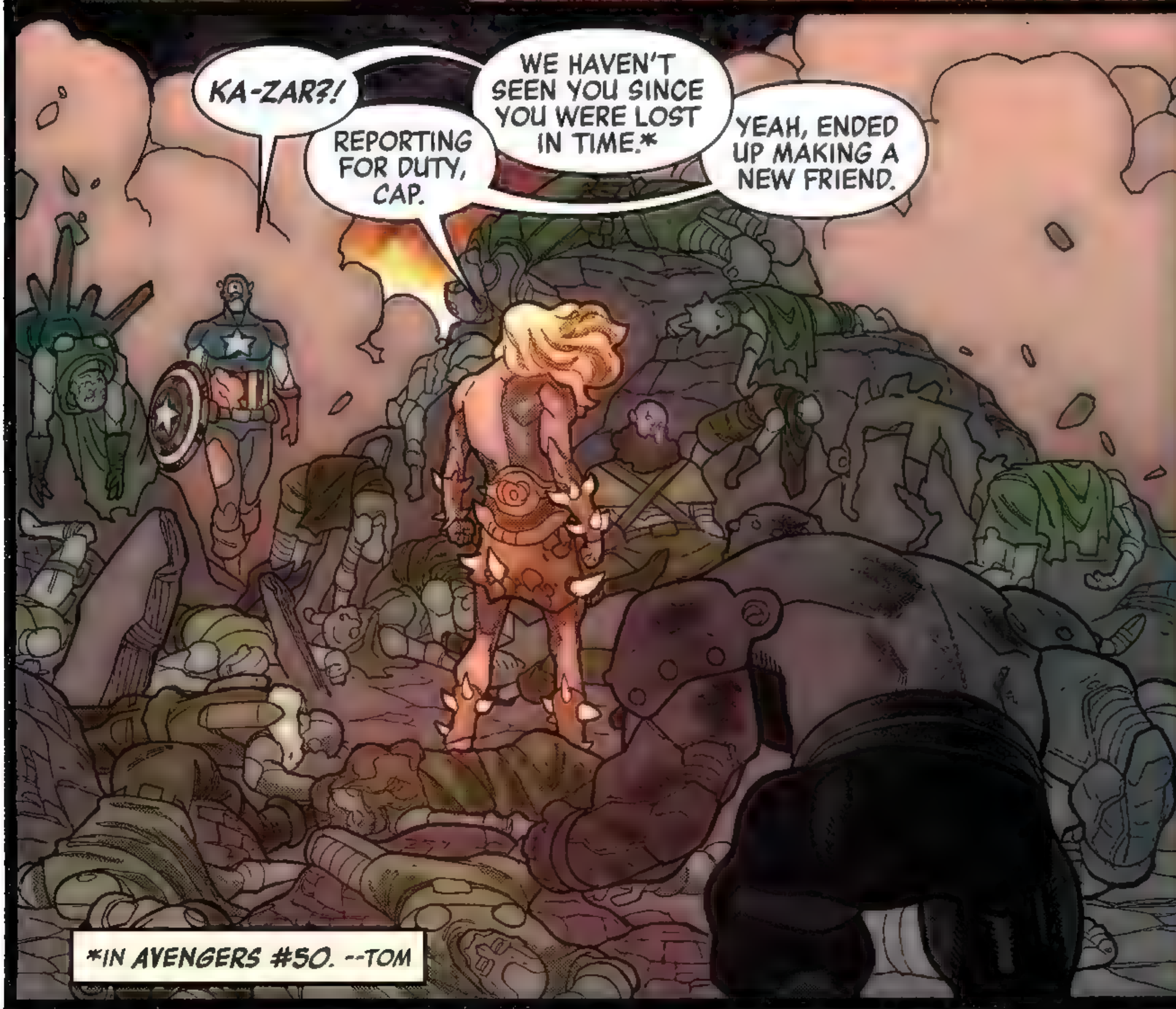
A close-up of Ant-Man Prime's face. He is wearing his helmet, which has a large, circular, glowing eye. He has a determined expression and is looking slightly to the right.

GOTTA GO,
SOUNDS LIKE
I'M ABOUT TO
START SCREAMING.
BUT BEFORE I
DO, KNOW THIS,
ANT-MAN...

...MORE
AVENGERS
HAVE ALREADY
BEEN CALLED.



"ALL I ASK...IS THAT
YOU KEEP AN OPEN
MIND ABOUT SOME
OF THEM."



KA-ZAR?!

REPORTING
FOR DUTY,
CAP.

WE HAVEN'T
SEEN YOU SINCE
YOU WERE LOST
IN TIME.*

YEAH, ENDED
UP MAKING A
NEW FRIEND.

*IN AVENGERS #50. --TOM



AND PICKING
UP SOME NEW
POWERS.

THE
POWER
COSMIC.

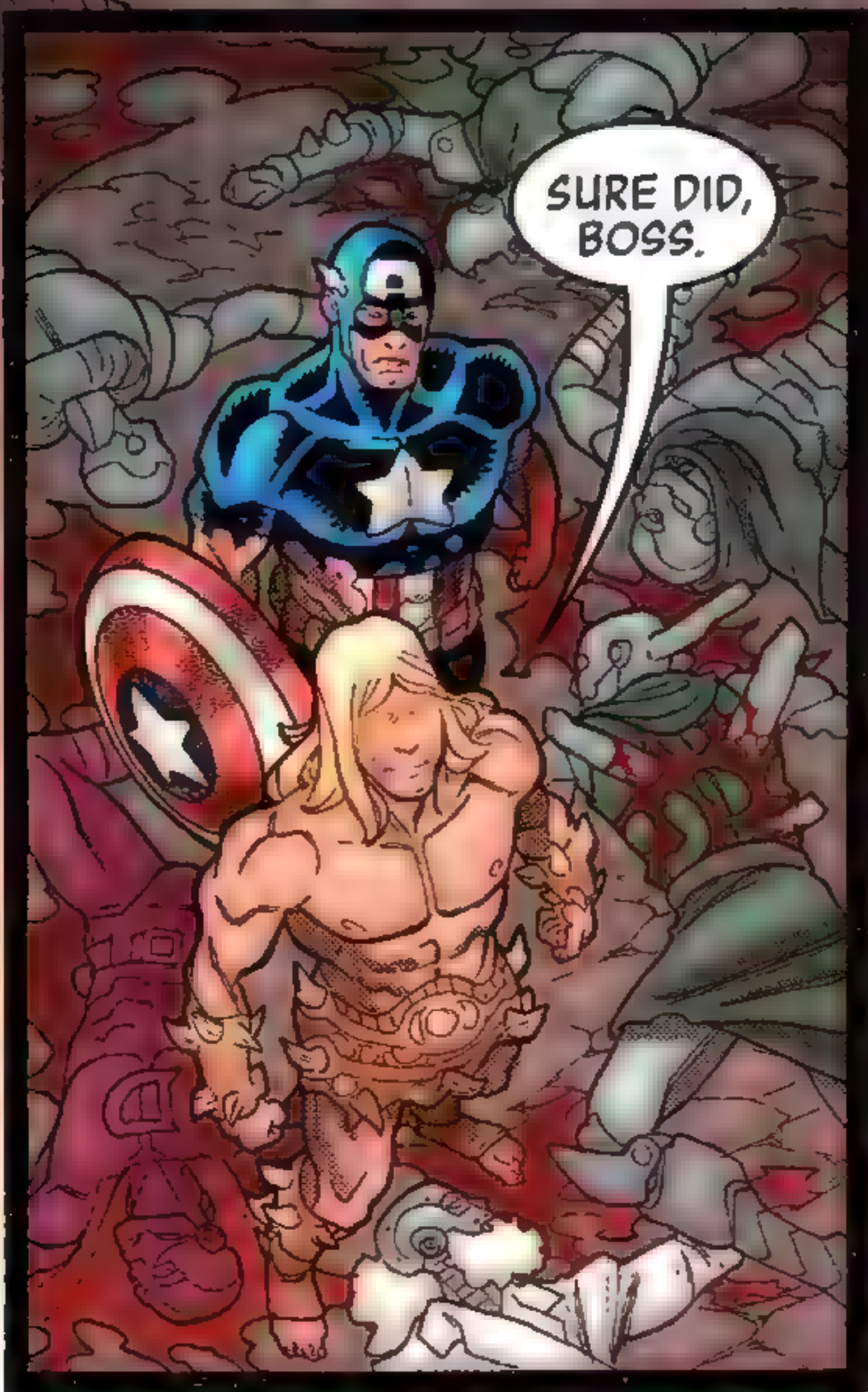


"COURTESY OF GALACTUS,
THE PLANET-EATER, THE
DEVOURER OF WORLDS.

"AND AS OF
NOW...AN
HONORARY
AVENGER."



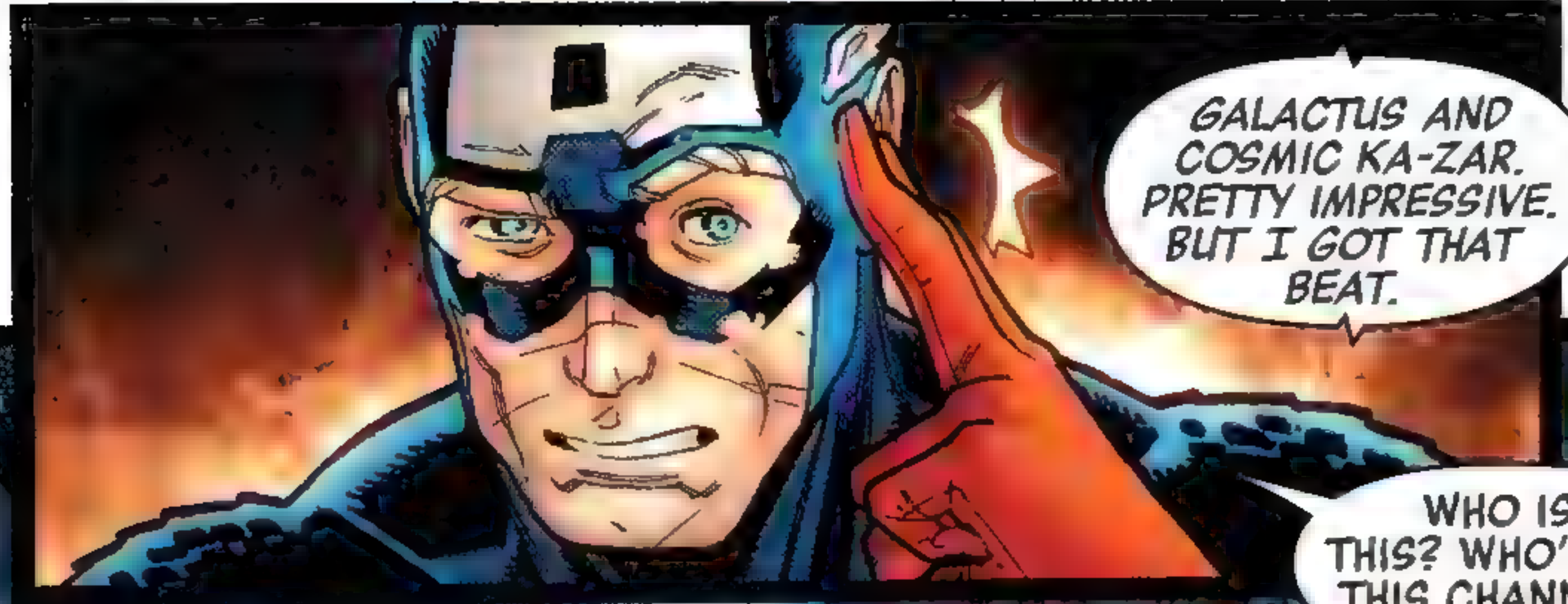
HERALD! YOU
PROMISED ME THE
MEAL OF A LIFETIME
IF WE TRAVELED
THROUGH TIME TO
THIS STRANGE
LAND.



SURE DID,
BOSS.



HOPE
YOU'RE
HUNGRY.



GALACTUS AND
COSMIC KA-ZAR.
PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.
BUT I GOT THAT
BEAT.



WHO IS
THIS? WHO'S ON
THIS CHANNEL?

JUST YOUR
FORMER AVENGERS
MOUNTAIN HEAD OF
SECURITY LOOKING
TO REAPPLY FOR
THE JOB.

I KNOW
THINGS DIDN'T
END SO WELL BEFORE.
BUT I'M A NEW MAN
THESE DAYS.

OR A NEW
GORILLA-MAN,
AT LEAST. I
BROUGHT MY
REFERENCES
WITH ME.



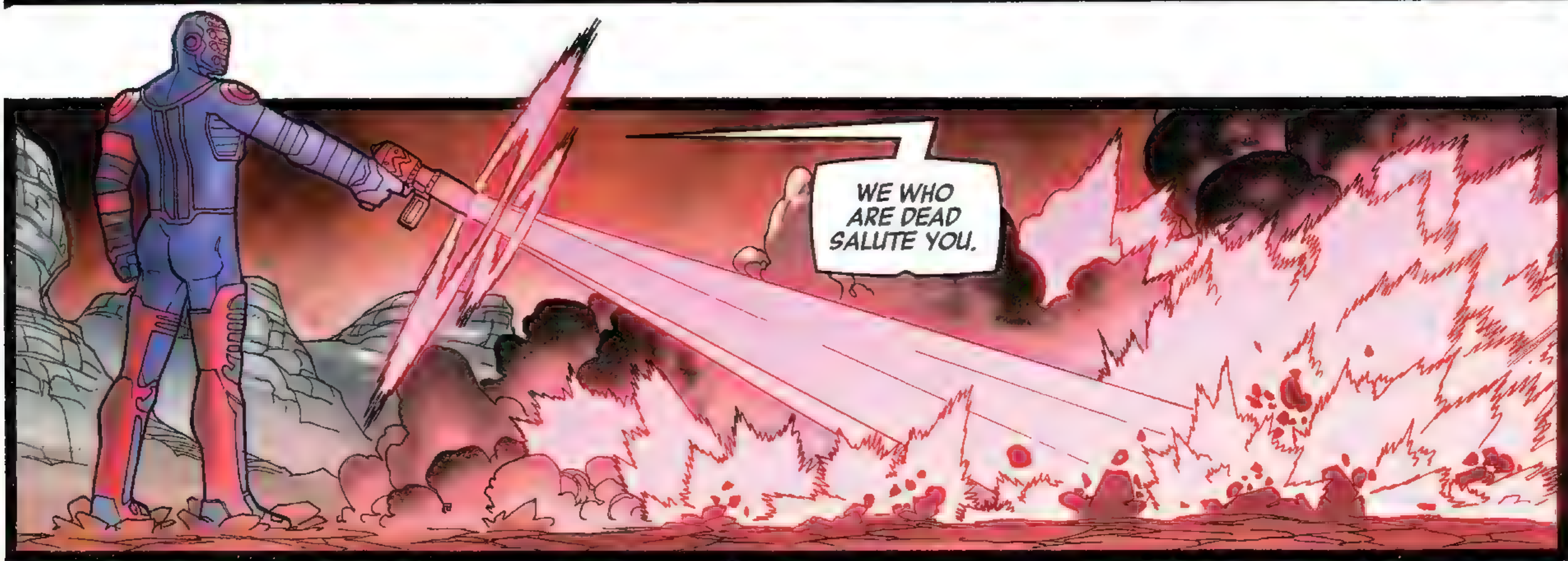
I WAS
BETTER OFF IN
A COMA.

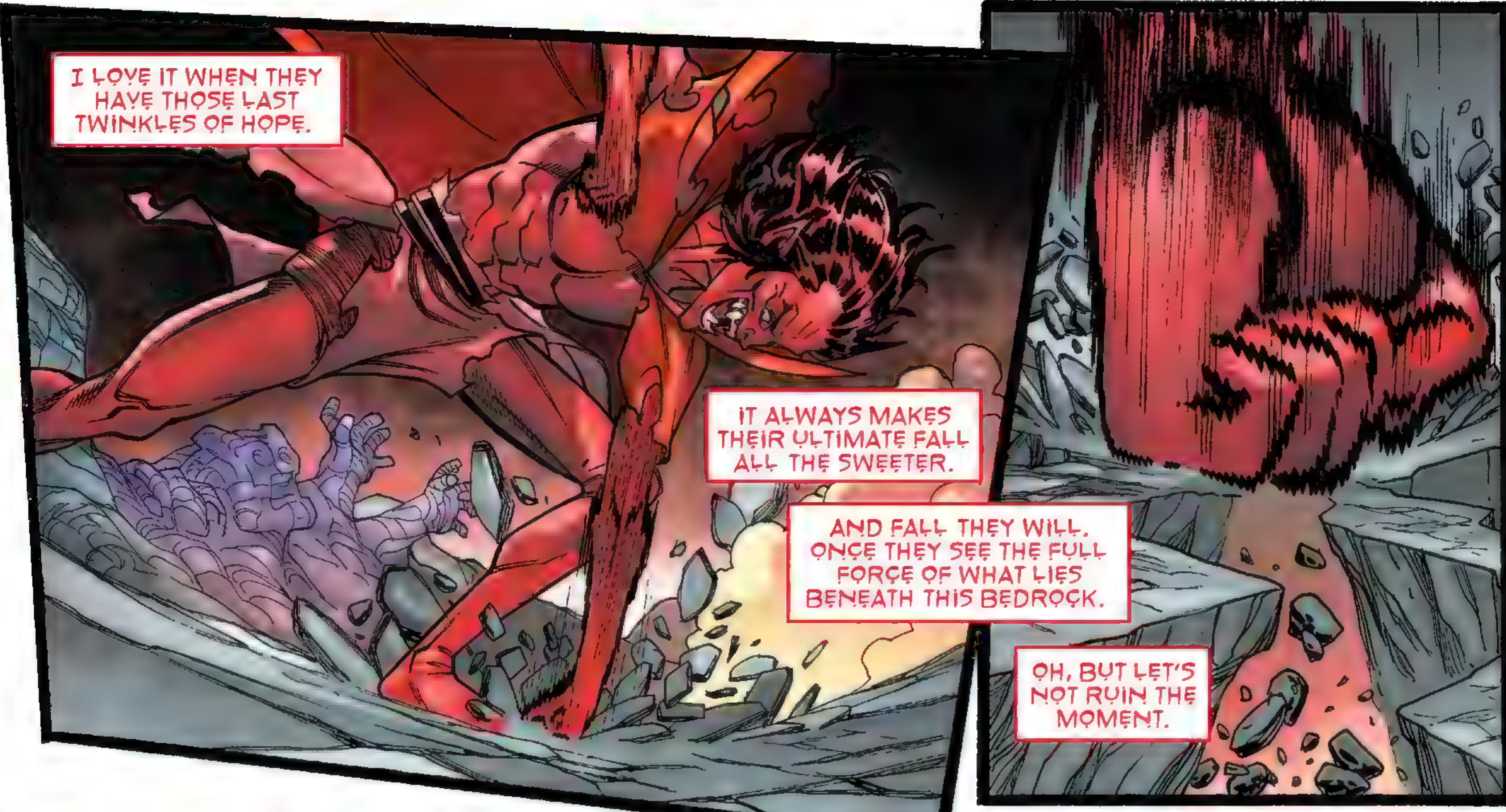
AND **URSA
MAJOR** THE
RUSSIAN SUPER-
BEAR AIN'T ALL
I BRUNG.



I BROUGHT
THE WHOLE
BLAMED MOUNTAIN
WITH ME.

ONLY IT'S
BEEN THROUGH
QUITE A LOT SINCE
YOU GUYS LEFT. IT
AIN'T JUST YOUR
FRIENDLY
NEIGHBORHOOD
DEAD CELESTIAL
NO MORE.





I LOVE IT WHEN THEY
HAVE THOSE LAST
TWINKLES OF HOPE.

IT ALWAYS MAKES
THEIR ULTIMATE FALL
ALL THE SWEETER.

AND FALL THEY WILL.
ONCE THEY SEE THE FULL
FORCE OF WHAT LIES
BENEATH THIS BEDROCK.

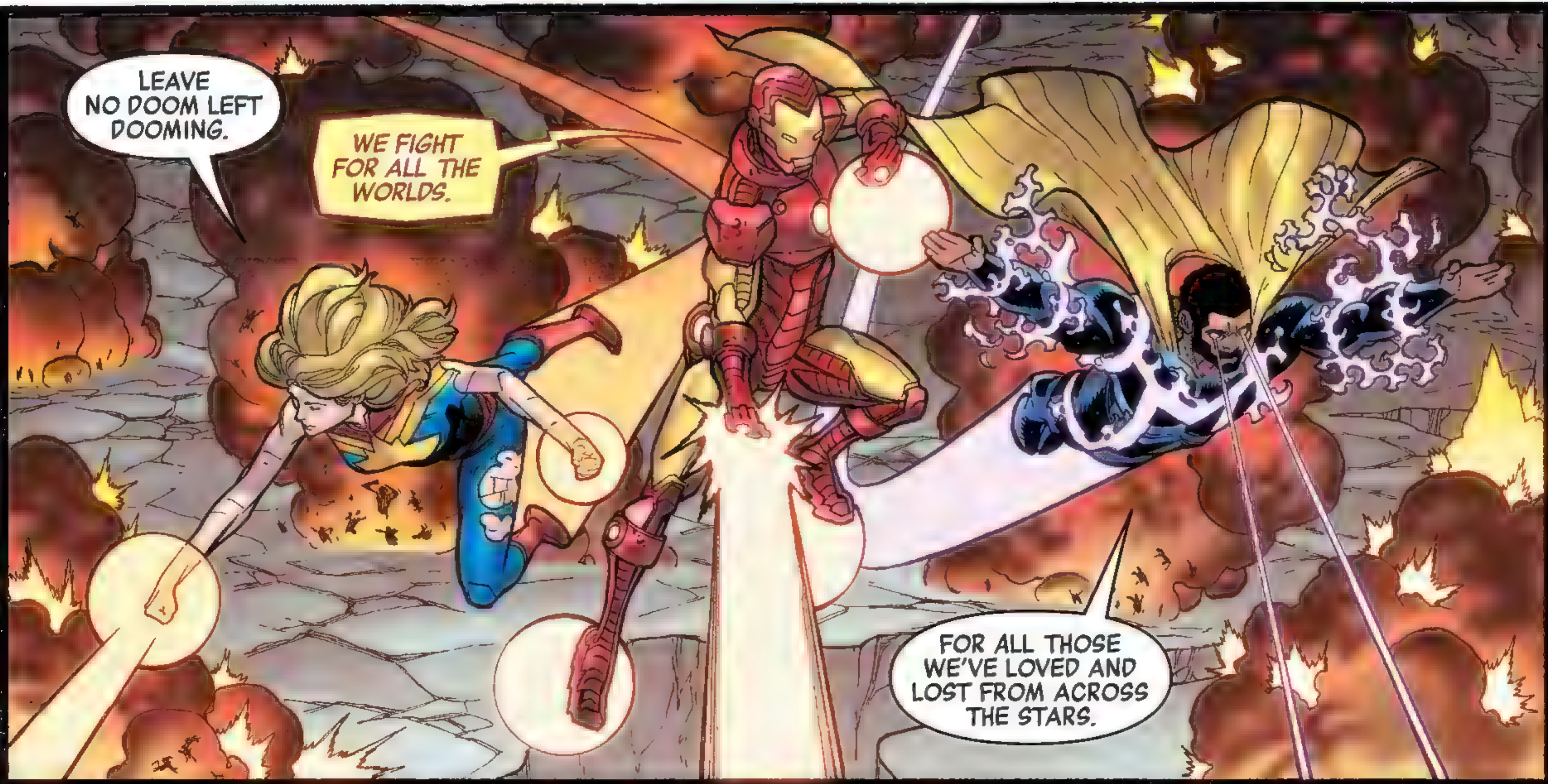
OH, BUT LET'S
NOT RUIN THE
MOMENT.



HAVE YOUR
FLEETING HOPE,
LITTLE LOST SOULS.

THIS IS IT,
PEOPLE. LET'S ALL
REGROUP FOR THE
FINAL PUSH.

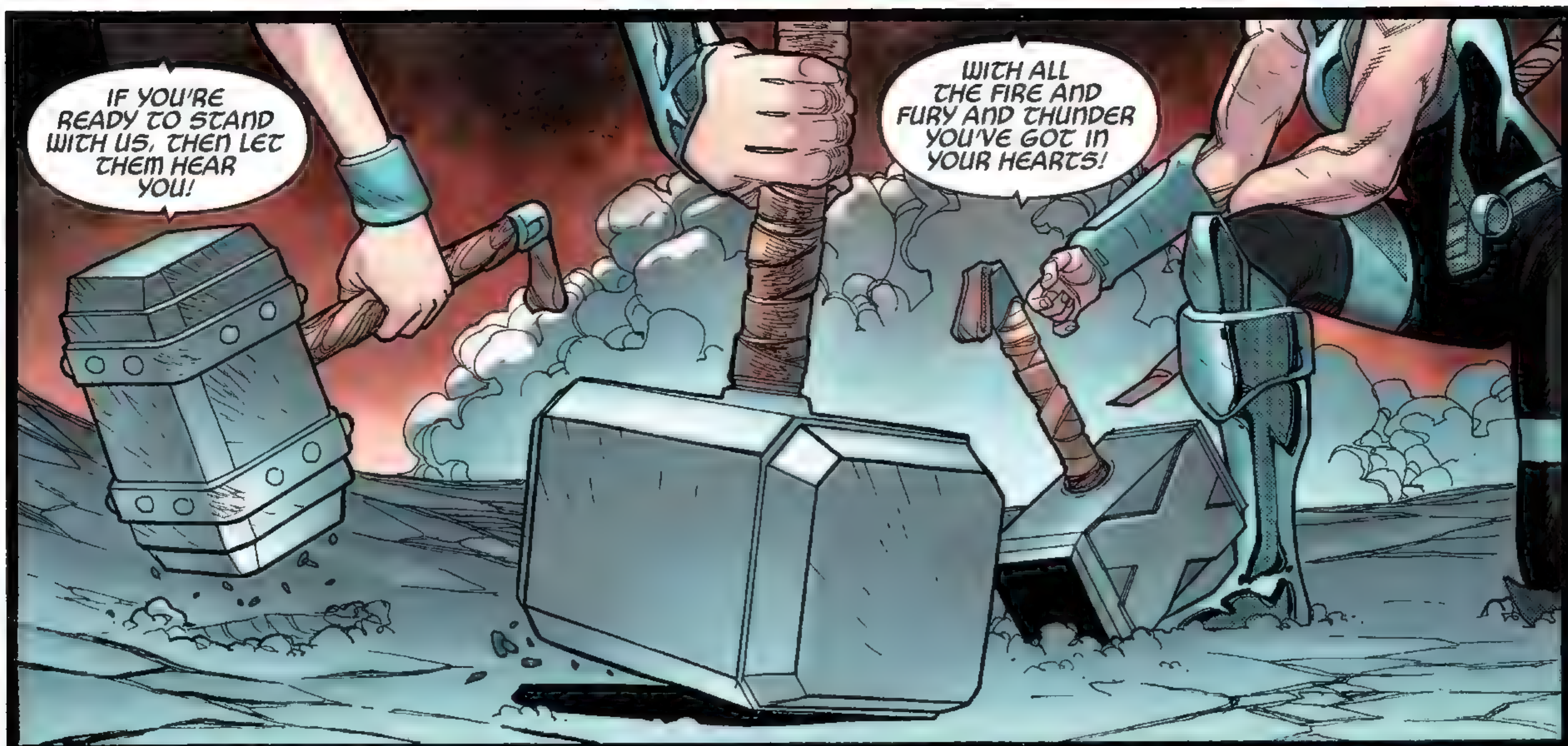
WE
FIGHT AS
ONE.



LEAVE
NO DOOM LEFT
DOOMING.

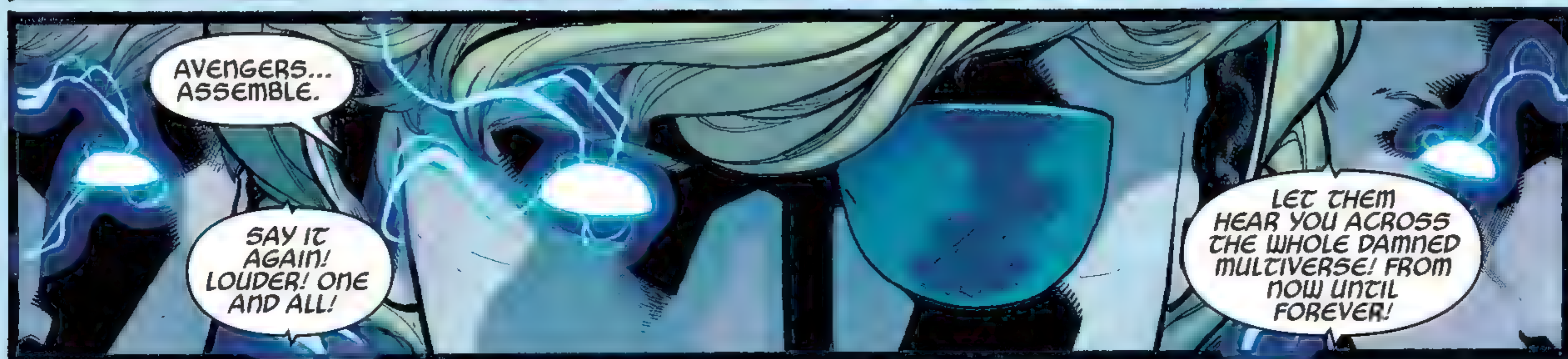
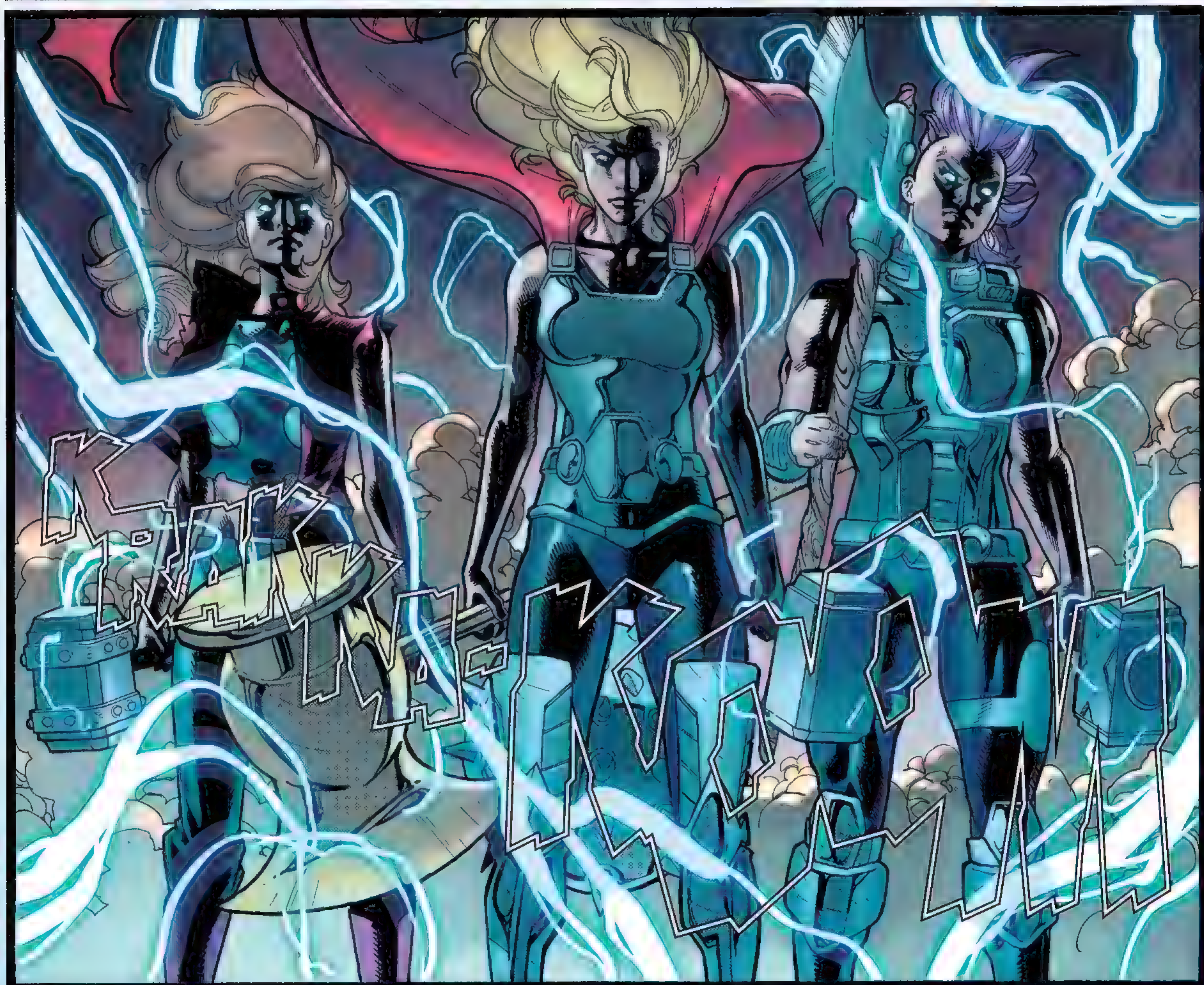
WE FIGHT
FOR ALL THE
WORLDS.

FOR ALL THOSE
WE'VE LOVED AND
LOST FROM ACROSS
THE STARS.



IF YOU'RE
READY TO STAND
WITH US, THEN LET
THEM HEAR
YOU!

WITH ALL
THE FIRE AND
FURY AND THUNDER
YOU'VE GOT IN
YOUR HEARTS!



AVENGERS...
ASSEMBLE.

SAY IT
AGAIN!
LOUDER! ONE
AND ALL!

LET THEM
HEAR YOU ACROSS
THE WHOLE DAMNED
MULTIVERSE! FROM
NOW UNTIL
FOREVER!





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IT IS A SIGHT THAT HAS
STRUCK FEAR INTO
MILLIONS THROUGHOUT
THE COSMOS.

THE SIGHT OF
GALACTUS
FEEDING.

BUT HERE NOW, AT
INFINITY'S END, IN THE
MIDST OF THE WAR FOR
THE ALL AND THE ALWAYS...

...THERE ARE NOT THE
USUAL CRIES OF TERROR
THAT TEND TO GREET THE
DEVOURER OF WORLDS.

INSTEAD, THERE ARE
CHEERS FROM THE
THROGS OF AVENGERS
WARRING BELOW.

CHEERS ALMOST
AS LOUD AS THE
DYING WAILS OF A
LIVING PLANET.

THE PLANET'S
SCREAMS ARE
DRIVING THE DOOMS
INTO A BLOODY
FRENZY.



THEN LET
US MAKE IT SO
THEY CANNOT EVEN
HEAR *THEMSELVES*
SCREAMING...

...ABOVE
THE ROAR OF
THE *STORM* OF
STORMS.

AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

THE WORDS ARE A
CRY TO THE WINDS
OF EVERY REALITY.

THE WHIRLWIND WRATH OF
THE HEAVENS AS CALLED
FORTH BY GENERATIONS
OF THUNDERERS.

THE WORDS ARE THE
HURRICANE PRAYER
OF THE GODS.



AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

THE WORDS ARE WAR CRIES.

FOR THE CORPS.

FOR THE STEVES.



AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

FOR THE SAVAGE LORD OF THE POWER COSMIC.

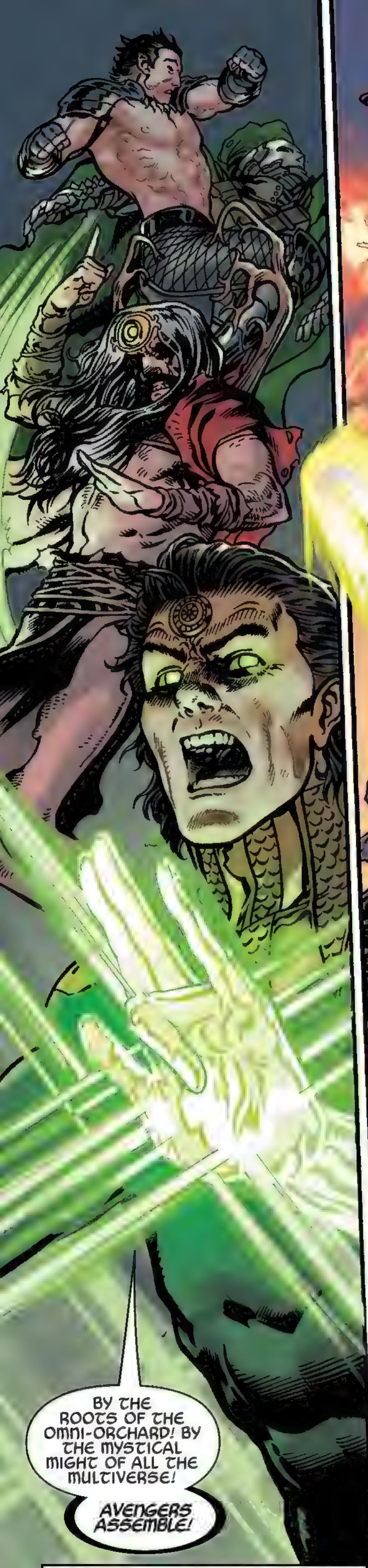
FOR OLD MAN PHOENIX.



AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

THE WORDS ARE A HOWL OF DEFIANCE IN THE FACE OF RUIN.

IN THE FACE OF DOOM.



BY THE
ROOTS OF THE
OMNI-ORCHARD! BY
THE MYSTICAL
MIGHT OF ALL THE
MULTIVERSE!

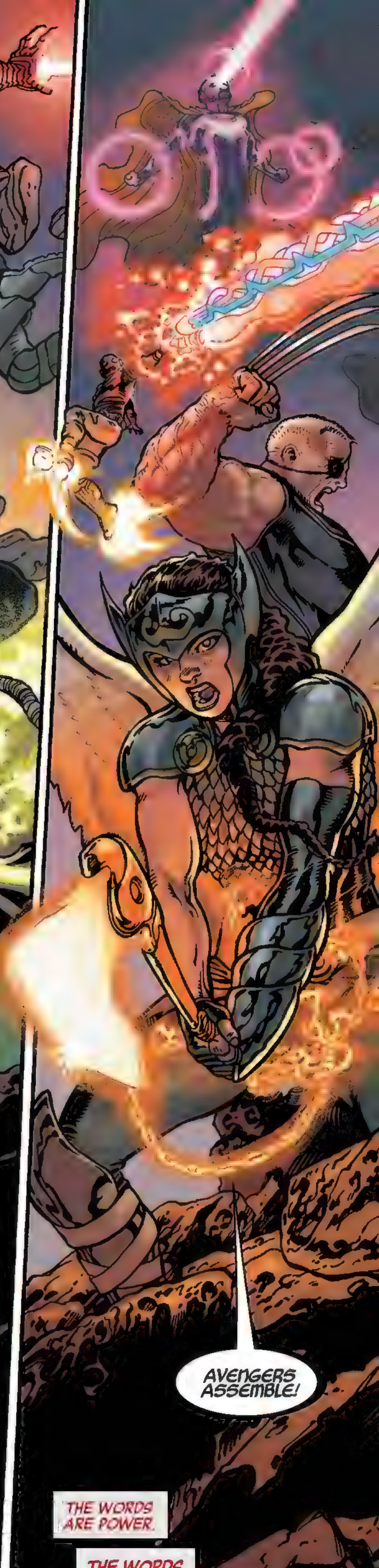
AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

THE WORDS ARE A CONJURING,
EMPOWERED BY THE SOULS OF HEROES
FALLEN, THEIR VOICES ECHOING STILL.



AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

THE WORDS ARE
A DECLARATION,
DEFYING TIME AND
SPACE. DEFYING
THE BOUNDS OF
REALITY ITSELF.



AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

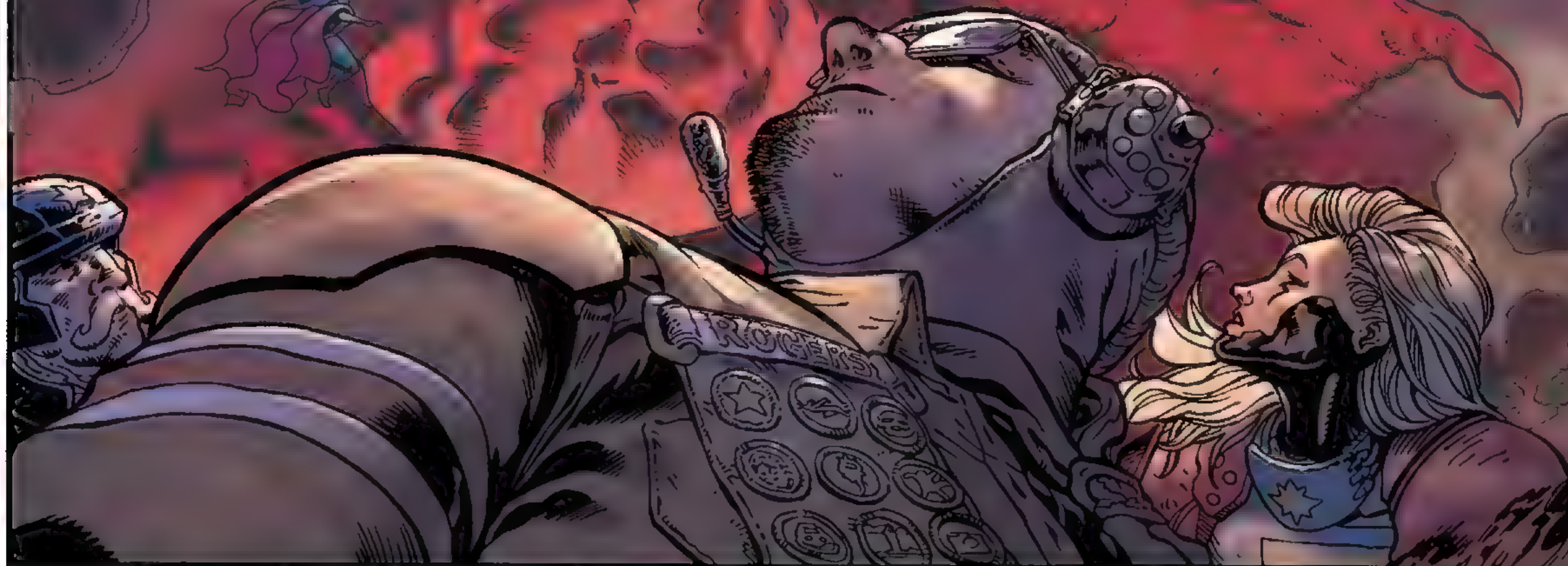
THE WORDS
ARE POWER.

THE WORDS
ARE HOPE.

THE WORDS ARE A SNEERING CURSE ON THE LIPS OF THE WAR-MADDENED LORD OF THE DAMNED.

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE?!

HA!



ASSEMBLE ALL THE MIGHTY HEROES THE MULTIVERSE CAN MUSTER, BUT YOU'RE TOO LATE!

DO YOU *FEEL* THAT, LITTLE WRETCHES? THAT ANCIENT POWER WAITING TO EXPLODE FROM BENEATH THE GOD QUARRY?

ONCE IT'S BEEN UNLEASHED, YOU'LL AT LAST SEE THE GREAT RED TRUTH OF--

MEPHISTO!

THE WORDS ARE A WHISPER WITHIN THE HALLS OF AVENGERS MOUNTAIN.

MY WHISPER.

FEEL THIS.



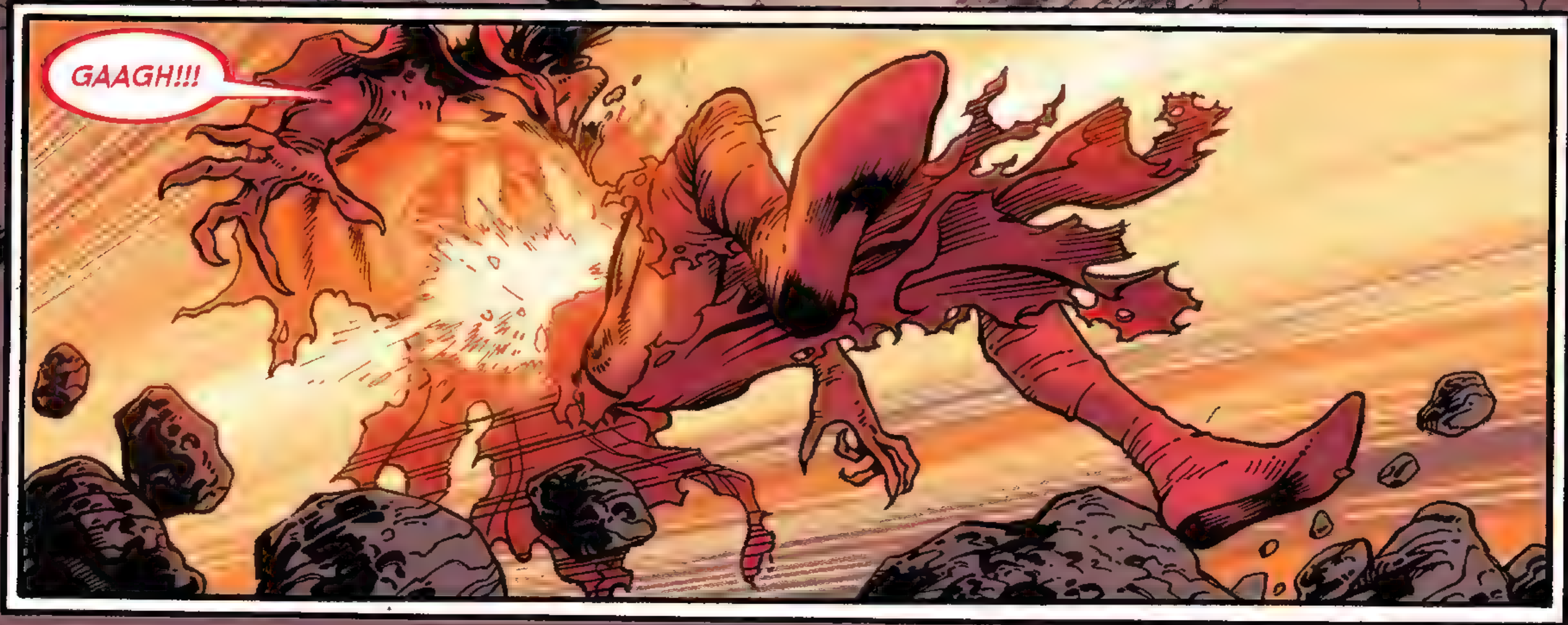


THE WHISPER OF THE LAST
DEATHLOK LEFT STANDING
AT INFINITY'S END.

THE DEATHLOK
WHO HAS BECOME
A CELESTIAL.

WITH A GUN THE SIZE
OF THE GRAVE PILED FULL
OF MY FALLEN BROTHERS.

AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!



GAAGH!!!

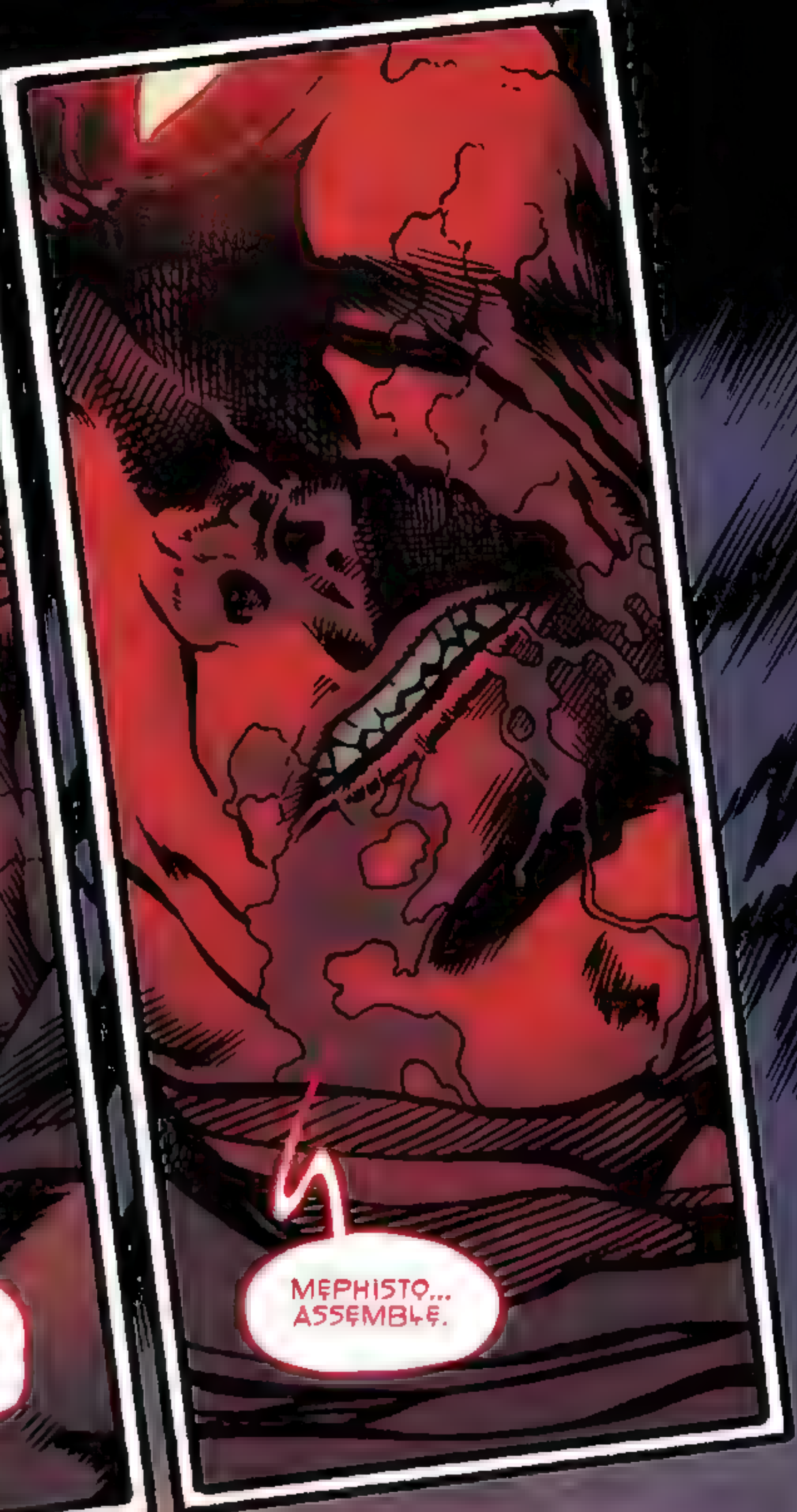


YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'VE DONE, WHAT I'LL DO TO SEE THIS THROUGH.

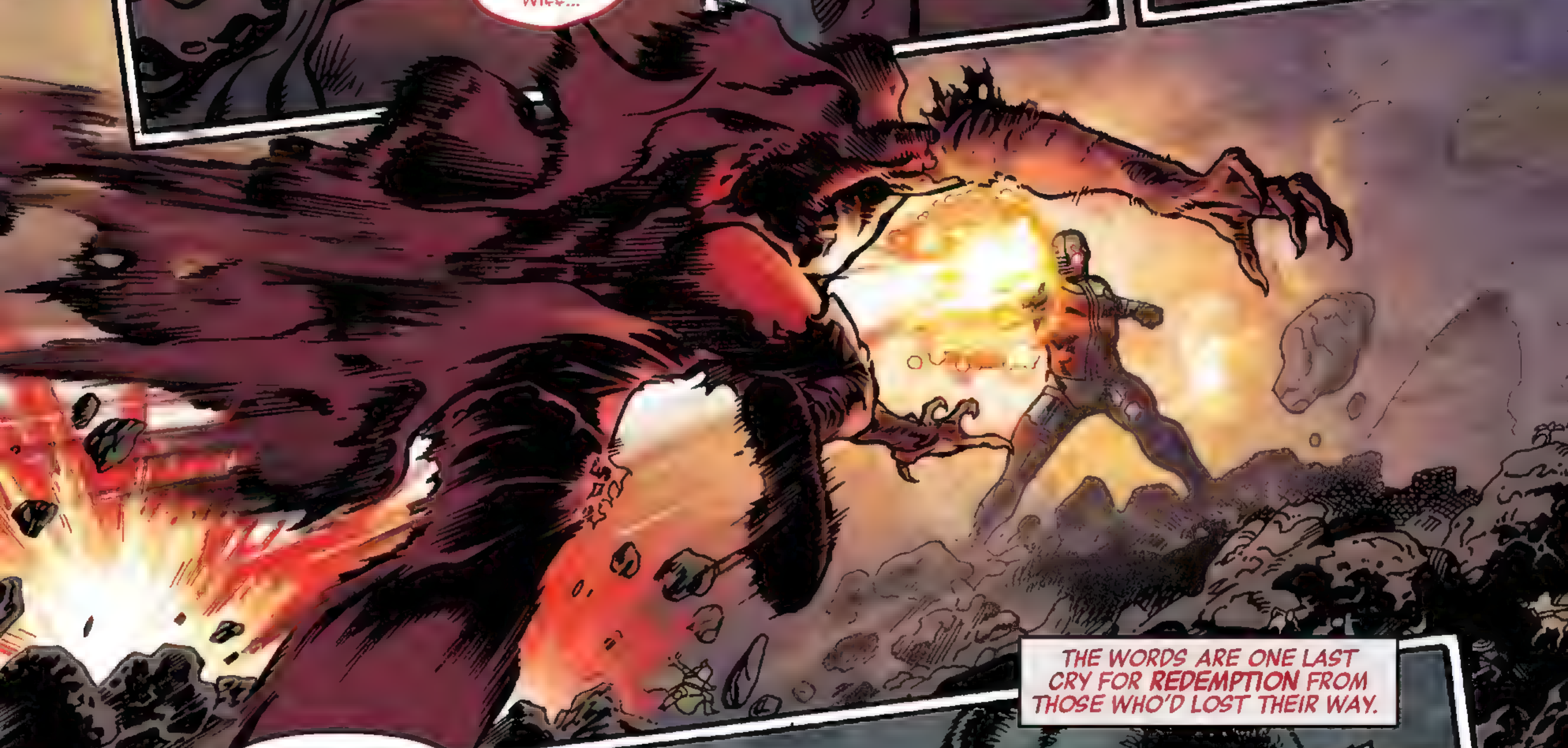
I WILL STRANGLE MYSELF AGAIN AND AGAIN AND ABSORB THE CORPSES. I WILL...



...I WILL EAT MY OWN GUTS, IN THE NAME OF VICTORY.



MEPHISTO... ASSEMBLE.



THE WORDS ARE ONE LAST CRY FOR REDEMPTION FROM THOSE WHO'D LOST THEIR WAY.



THIS IS THE WEIRDEST THING YOU'VE EVER TALKED ME INTO, HALE!



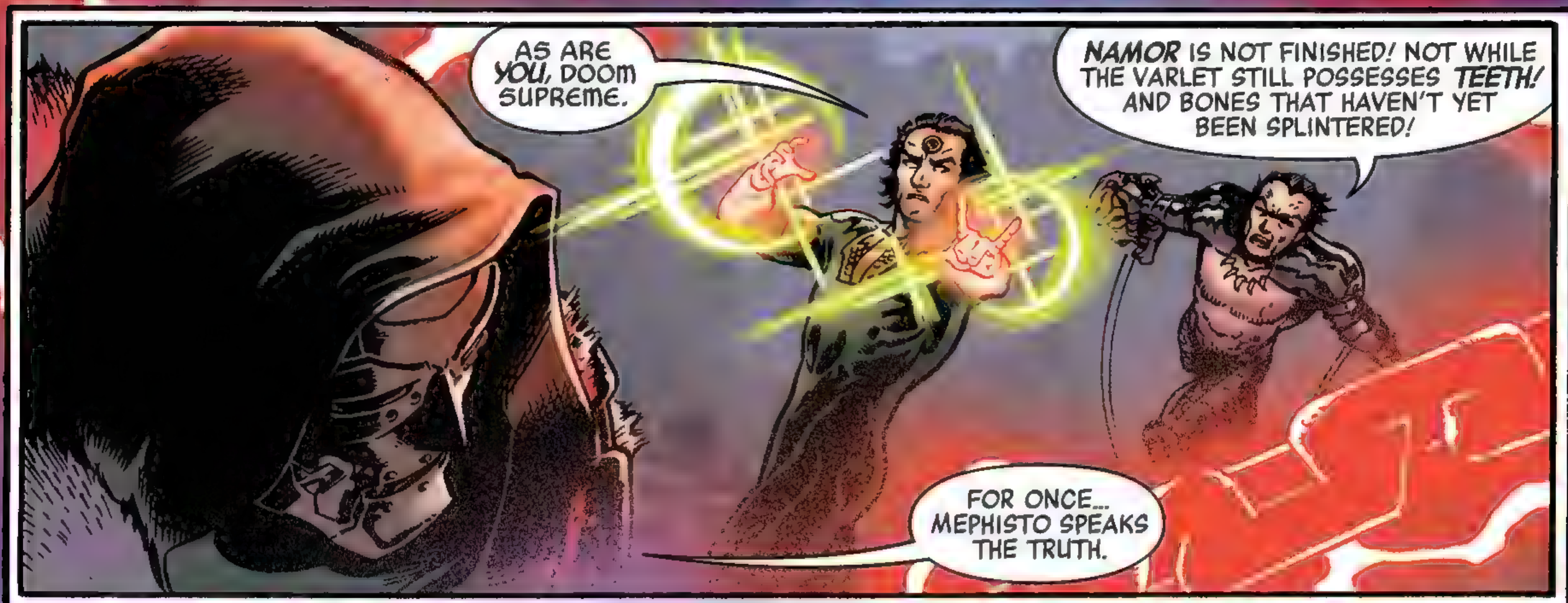
SAID THE MUTANT RUSSIAN GRIZZLY TO THE TALKING GORILLA!



THE WORDS ARE
JUST THAT. WORDS.
EMPTY SOUNDS.

A RITUAL WE CLING
TO IN OUR HOUR OF
INEVITABLE RUIN.

YOUR
ARMY IS FALLING.
YOUR PLANET IS
HALF DIGESTED. THE
RAMPAGE OF THE
DOOMS IS
FINISHED.



AS ARE
YOU, DOOM
SUPREME.

NAMOR IS NOT FINISHED! NOT WHILE
THE VARLET STILL POSSESSES **TEETH!**
AND BONES THAT HAVEN'T YET
BEEN SPLINTERED!

FOR ONCE...
MEPHISTO SPEAKS
THE TRUTH.



YOUR GREAT
ASSEMBLING IS
TOO LITTLE,
TOO LATE!



THE GOD
QUARRY IS ALREADY
CRUMBLING!

THE OCEAN
OF POWER THAT
LAYS BENEATH SHALL
BE UNLEASHED!

LOOK
NOW AT
HOW ITS DARK
FLICKERING...



...DRAWS
HUNGRY MOTHS
TO THE FLAME.

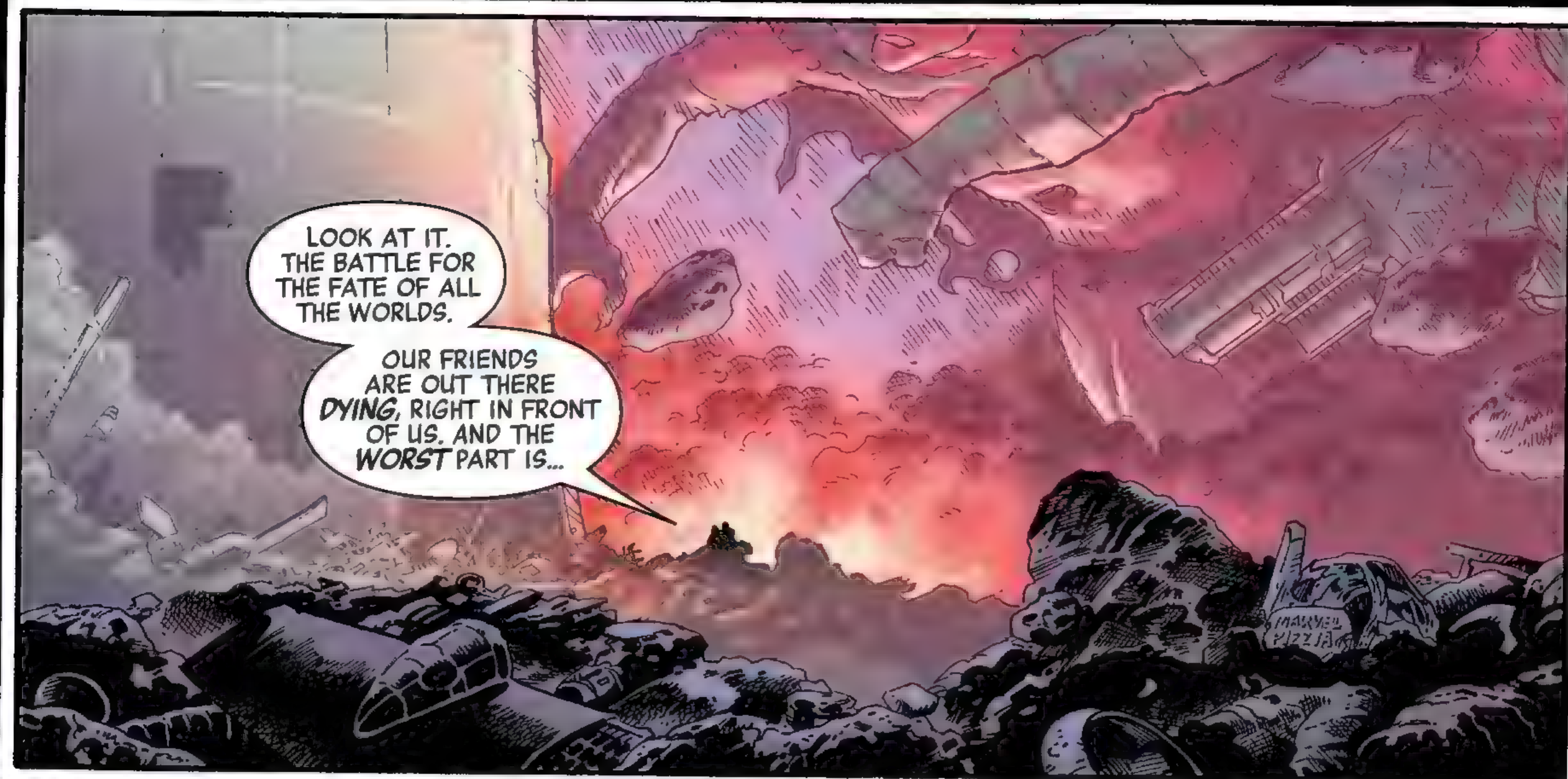
YOU!
DOOM! YOU DARED
ABANDON THE DARK
PHOENIX!

HARDLY. I
EAGERLY AWAITED
YOUR ARRIVAL, MY
LADY MYSTIQUE.

YOU LIE WITH
THE SKILLED TONGUE
OF A MYSTIC. PERHAPS
I SHALL WREST IT FROM
YOUR HEAD WITH MY
OWN SEARING LIPS.

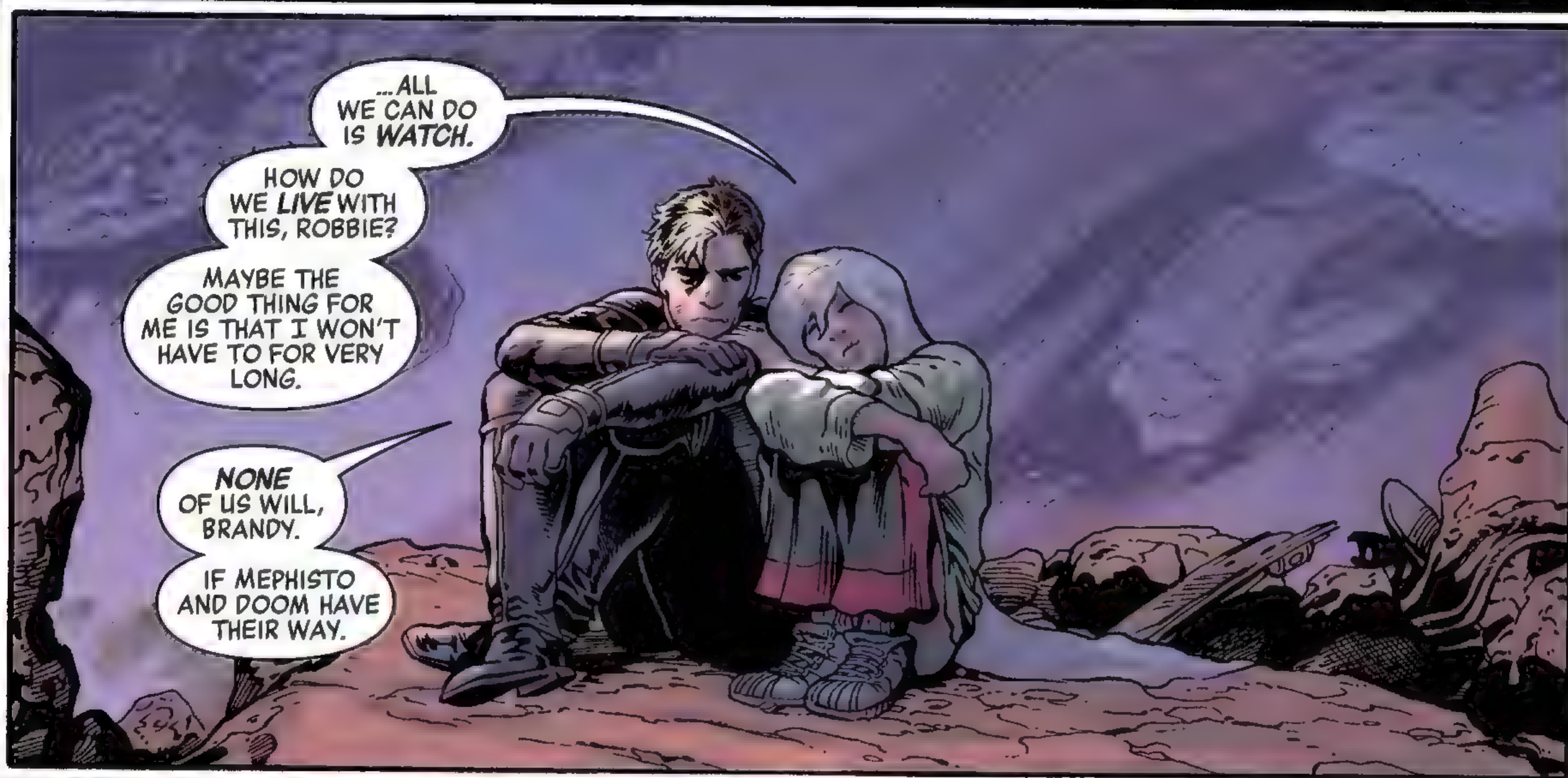
PERHAPS
YOU SHOULD
TRY.





LOOK AT IT.
THE BATTLE FOR
THE FATE OF ALL
THE WORLDS.

OUR FRIENDS
ARE OUT THERE
DYING, RIGHT IN FRONT
OF US. AND THE
WORST PART IS...



...ALL
WE CAN DO
IS WATCH.

HOW DO
WE LIVE WITH
THIS, ROBBIE?

MAYBE THE
GOOD THING FOR
ME IS THAT I WON'T
HAVE TO FOR VERY
LONG.

NONE
OF US WILL,
BRANDY.

IF MEPHISTO
AND DOOM HAVE
THEIR WAY.



YOU WERE JUST A KID THE
LAST TIME I SAW YOU, BACK
AT AVENGERS MOUNTAIN.
WAS I GONE THAT
LONG?

THE *STARBRAND*
DID THIS. IT AGES
ME UP EVERY TIME I
USE IT. GUESS ALL
STARS TEND TO BURN
THEMSELVES OUT
OVER TIME.

THE AVENGERS
TELL ME I CAN'T
RISK USING MY POWERS
AGAIN. AND EVEN IF
I COULD...I DON'T
KNOW...

I SUPPOSE
I'M NOT READY
TO DIE, WHEN IT
COMES DOWN
TO IT.

I ONLY
JUST GOT
OUT OF THE
CRIB.



AND YOU...
WHAT HAPPENED TO
THE *GHOST RIDER*?
HE'S GONE NOW?

NO.

HE'S STILL
THERE.

STRONGER
THAN EVER.



IT'S *ROBBIE*
WHO WAS ALMOST
GONE.

THE MORE
I BECAME THIS...
UNSTOPPABLE *ALL-RIDER*
EVERYONE'S ALWAYS
GOING ON ABOUT, THE
MORE THE PART OF ME
THAT'S *ME*...



...TURNED
TO *ASH*.

I THINK IT
WAS THAT FEAR OF
LOSING MYSELF THAT
SHUT EVERYTHING DOWN.
AND NOW...NOW I
DON'T KNOW IF I CAN
BRING IT BACK.

OR
IF...I EVEN
SHOULD.



THERE ARE
AN AWFUL LOT
OF AVENGERS OUT
THERE.

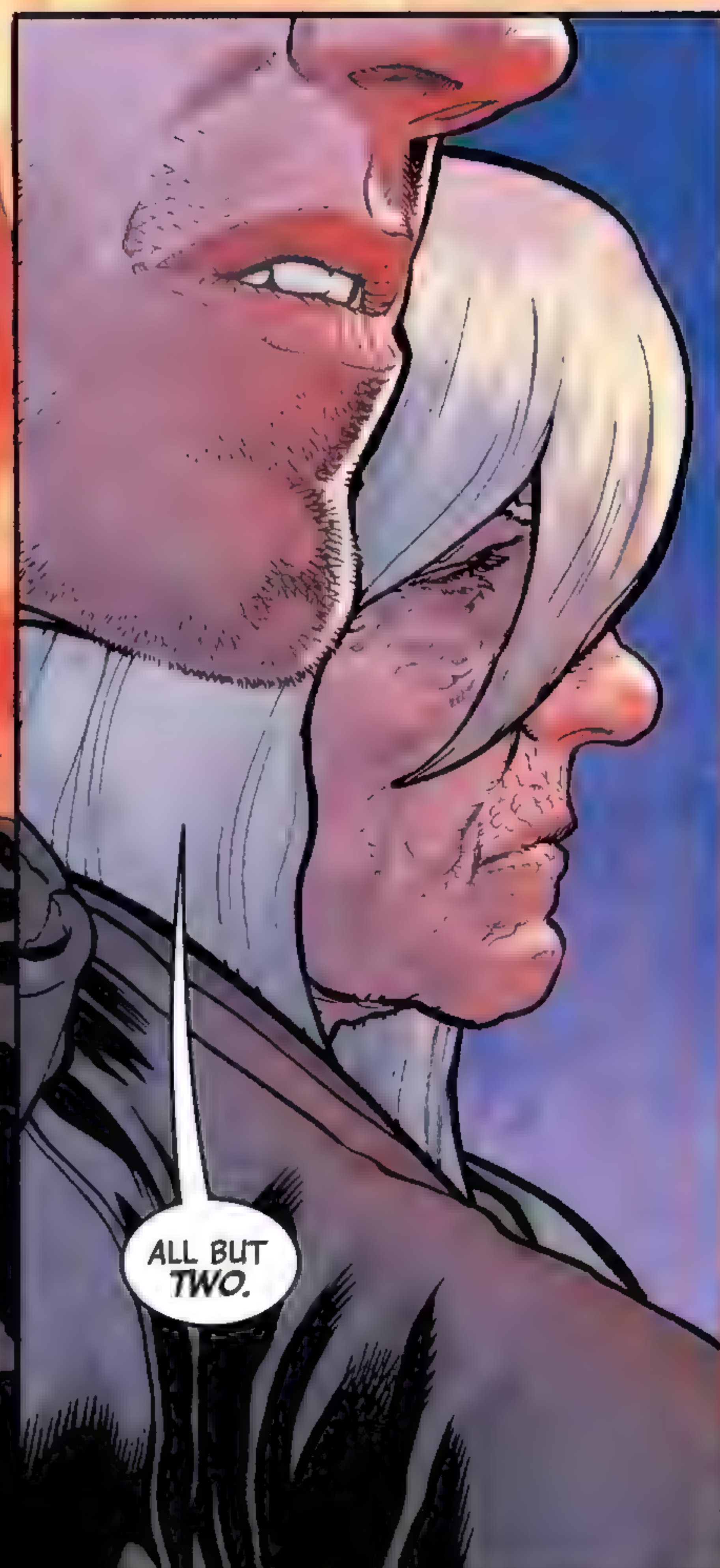
MORE THAN
ANYONE'S EVER
SEEN.

PRETTY MUCH
AN ARMY JUST
OF *THORS*.

PHOENIX
WIELDERS. A
COUPLE SORCERERS
SUPREME.

ALL OF
THE GREAT
LEGACY POWERS
APPEAR TO BE WELL
REPRESENTED.

RIGHT.



ALL BUT
TWO.



YEAH. AFTER EVERYTHING WE'VE BEEN THROUGH...CAN'T HELP BUT THINK WE ENDED UP HERE FOR A REASON.



THEY WON'T WIN THIS *WITHOUT* US, WILL THEY?



WHAT DOES YOUR GUT TELL YOU?

THAT THE STARBRAND AND THE GHOST RIDER WERE THERE AT THE BEGINNING.



AND THAT WE'LL NEED THEM HERE AT THE *END*.



I THINK OUR GUTS AGREE.

SO...DOES YOUR GUT HAVE A *PLAN*? FOR EXACTLY WHAT THE HELL WE SHOULD DO NEXT?

I FEEL LIKE WE'LL KNOW IT WHEN WE SEE--



RANSACK THE TOWER! TAKE ANYTHING THAT CAN KILL AN AVENGER!



HMM.

I'D
FORGOTTEN
HOW MUCH IT
TICKLES.



YOU WILL
GROVEL BEFORE
THE DOOM
ABOVE ALL!

TICKLES,
HUH?



MUST
BE NICE.



DAMN IT,
WE'RE ALL A BUNCHA
PEA-BRAINED JACKASSES!
THIS WHOLE BLAMED WAR
HAS BEEN ABOUT *THIS!*
TURNING THE GOD
QUARRY BRITTLE!



GUARD
YOURSELVES,
AVENGERS. I SENSE
ANOTHER PHOENIX
IS NEAR.



"ANOTHER
PHOENIX"? NO,
THE PHOENIX,
DARLING.

ONCE I'VE
DRAINED THE FIRE
FROM YOU TWO PRETENDERS
AND YOUR PET THOR, I'LL
BE THE ONLY FLAME LEFT
BURNING IN ALL THE
MULTIVERSE.



PRETTY SURE
ECHO WASN'T
TALKING ABOUT
YOU.

GAAGH! WHO
DARES?!



KEEP YOUR
FLAMING HANDS
OFF MY SON!



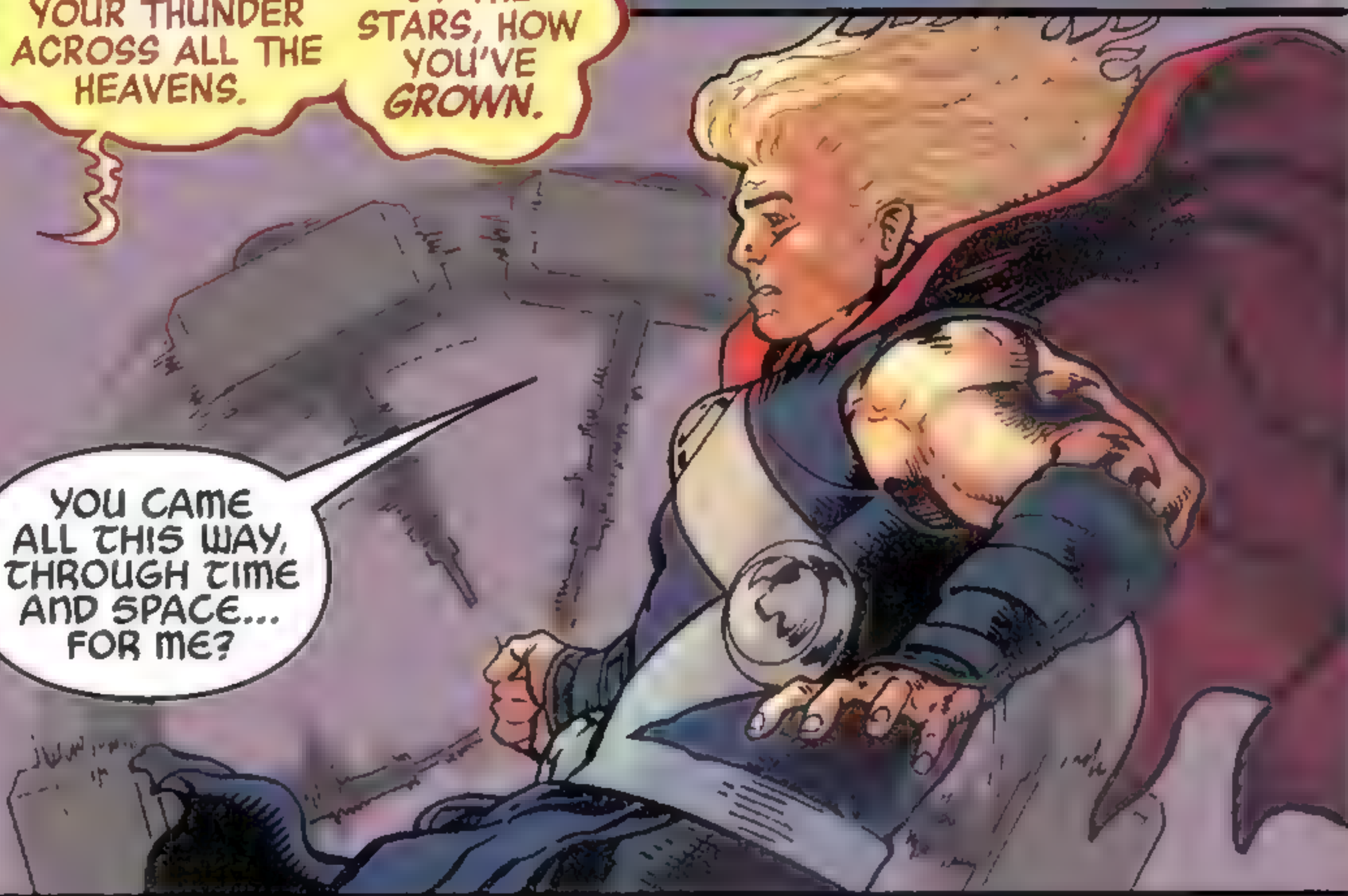
IS
IT...TRULY
YOU?

I FOLLOWED
THE SOUND OF
YOUR THUNDER
ACROSS ALL THE
HEAVENS.

BY THE
STARS, HOW
YOU'VE
GROWN.



YOU CAME
ALL THIS WAY,
THROUGH TIME
AND SPACE...
FOR ME?



THOR...

...I WOULD
CROSS ETERNITY
ITSELF TO BE BY
YOUR SIDE IN YOUR
HOUR OF NEED. TO
BURN ANYONE WHO
DARES LAY A
HAND ON
YOU.

IT IS...
THE ONLY WAY
A PHOENIX KNOWS
HOW TO SHOW
LOVE.



THEN
LET US SHOW
THIS DARK
PHOENIX...

...HOW
MUCH LOVE
WE HAVE IN
OUR HEARTS,
MOTHER.

YES,
MY SON.



AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

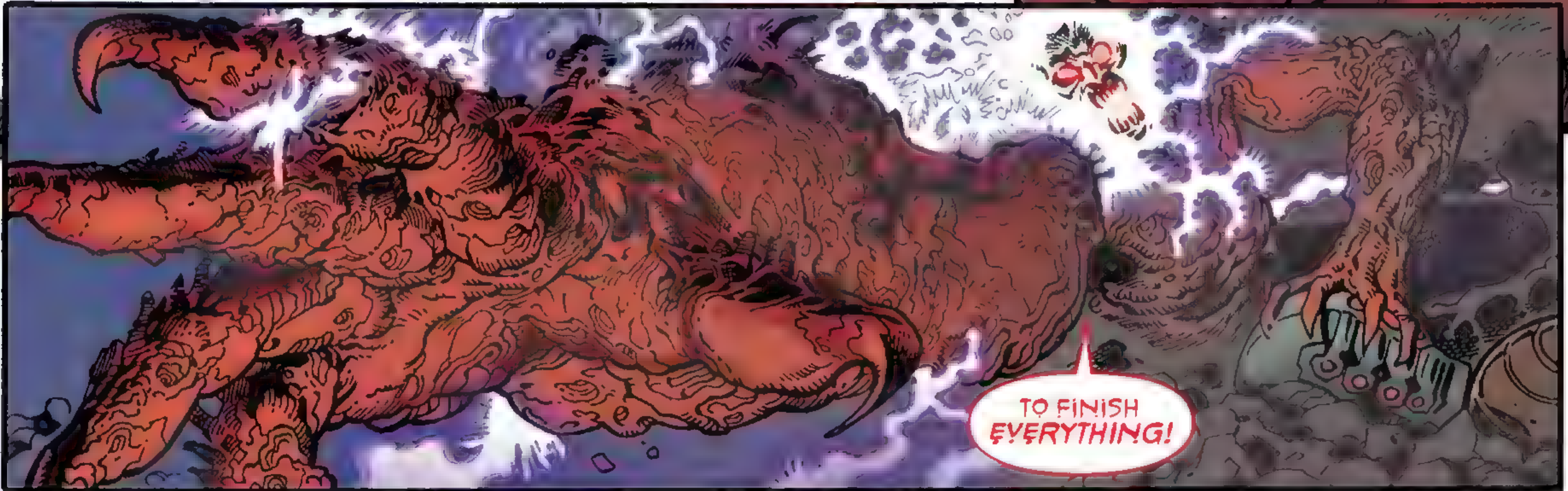
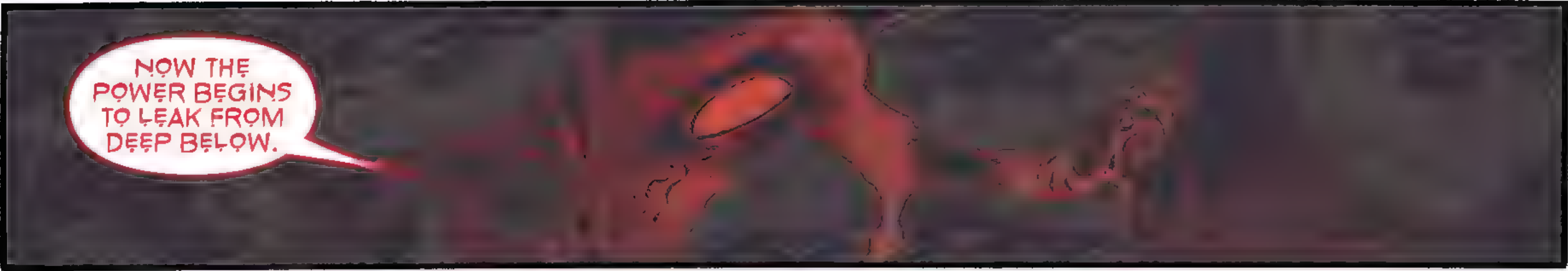
AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

THE WORDS
ARE A BOND.

A LEGACY
THAT DEFIES
ALL LIMITS.

THE WORDS
ARE THE
FINAL SPARK.

YES, AT
LAST!



HA HA HA
HAA!

YES!
NOW YOU'LL
SEE!

AND I
REALIZE
TOO LATE...

NOW
COMES THE
TRUTH!

...THAT NO WORDS
WILL SAVE US.

ALL THIS TIME, AS
DEATHLOKS FIGHTING
TO PROTECT THE GOD
QUARRY, WE THOUGHT
OF IT AS SOME SORT OF
DEFENSE PERIMETER.

A WALL.

BUT IT'S NOT
A WALL.

WHAT IS
THAT? LEAKING
OUT OF THE
GROUND?

THE LIQUIFIED
LEAVINGS OF AN
ANCIENT MULTIVERSE.
WHATEVER YOU DO,
DON'T LET IT
TOUCH YOU.

AVENGERS!
BE READY TO
RUN!

IT'S TOO
LATE. THERE'LL
BE NOWHERE TO RUN.
NOWHERE IN ANY
UNIVERSE.

IT'S
A DAM.

HOLDING BACK THE
WATERS OF ENTROPY,
OF ALL-CONSUMING
NOTHINGNESS.

MEPHISTO'S GRAND PLAN
WAS NEVER TO REWRITE
EXISTENCE.

IT WAS
TO END IT.

AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

THE WORDS ARE A LAST,
DESPERATE CRY OF THOSE
SOON TO BE NO MORE.

AND ONCE WE
ARE GONE...

...ALL OF
EVERYTHING
WILL FOLLOW.

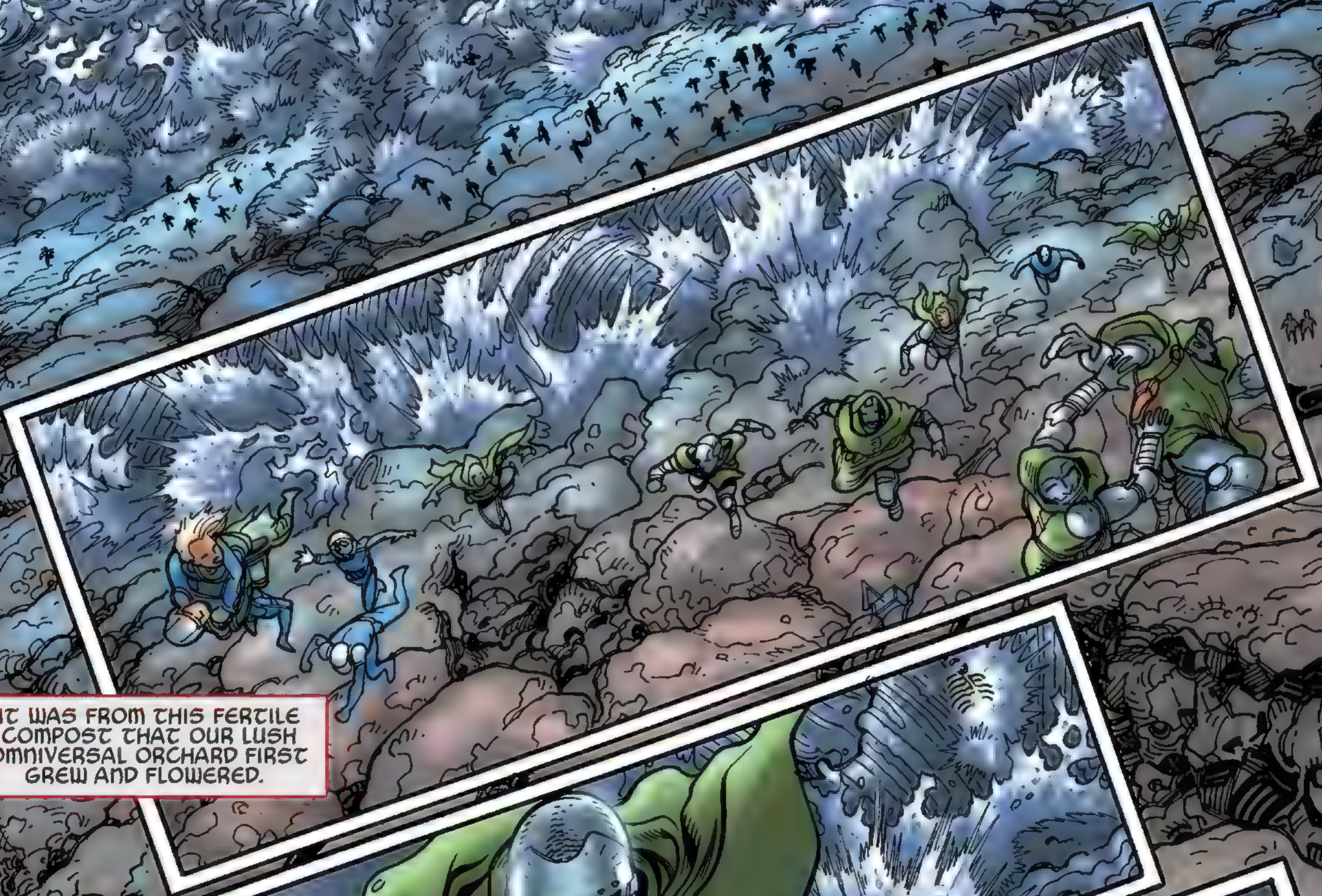


"ONE LAST RIDE!" | AVENGERS ASSEMBLE OMEGA



BENEATH THE ANCIENT
BEDROCK OF THE GOD
QUARRY LIES AN UNENDING
OCEAN OF DARK POWER.

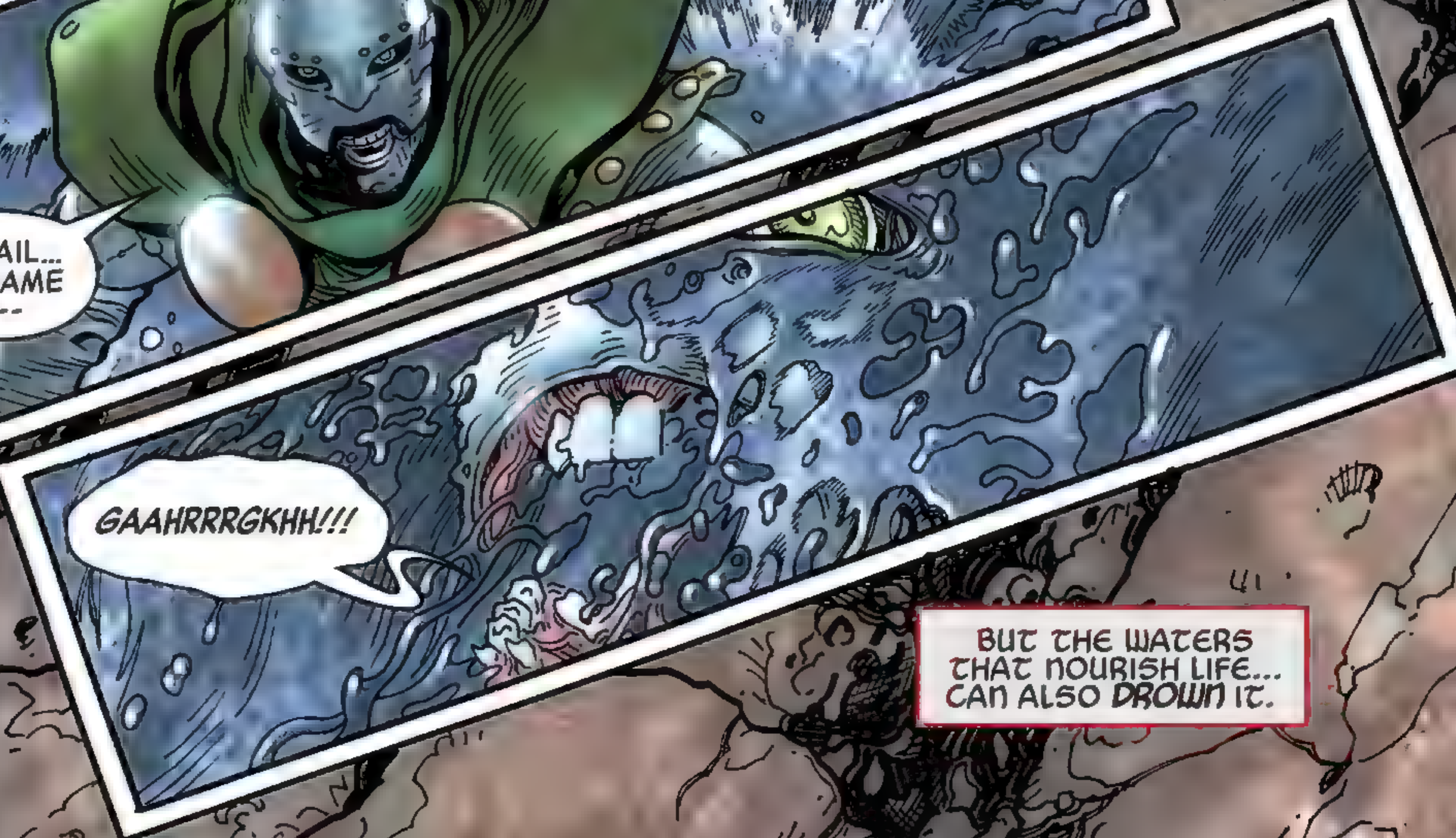
A COSMIC SWAMP MADE OF
THE ROTTING REMAINS OF
THE *FIRST FIRMAMENT*, OF
THE EXISTENCE THAT
CAME BEFORE THIS ONE.



IT WAS FROM THIS FERTILE
COMPOST THAT OUR LUSH
OMNIVERSAL ORCHARD FIRST
GREW AND FLOWERED.



ALL HAIL...
THE NAME
OF--



GAAHRRRGKHH!!!

BUT THE WATERS
THAT NOURISH LIFE...
CAN ALSO DROWN IT.

HERE NOW
COMES THE FLOOD
OF FLOODS.

THE FLOOD TO
END ALL SPACE
AND TIME.

AND ALL
AVENGERS.

IN THE FACE OF
CERTAIN DEATH,
STEVE ROGERS
DOES WHAT HE
WAS BORN TO DO.

HE RUNS
TOWARD IT.

AVENGERS!
GATHER UP THE
WOUNDED AND GET
THEM TO HIGHER
GROUND!

THERE IS
NO HIGHER
GROUND,
STEVE!



A large comic book panel showing Iron Man in the upper left, flying through a chaotic environment of blue and white energy waves. He is looking towards the right. In the upper right, a large, winged figure (Hulk) is shown from the waist up, looking down with a determined expression. The background is a dark, swirling mass of energy. The panel is divided into three sections by diagonal lines.

THESE WAVES
ARE EXPLODING IN
EVERY DIRECTION!
INCLUDING UP!

WE NEED
AVENGERS
MOUNTAIN TO
TELEPORT US OUT
OF HERE!

THERE IS
NOWHERE WE
CAN RUN!

THIS FLOOD
WILL SWEEP ACROSS
THE REALITIES, DROWNING
CIVILIZATIONS,
PLANETS!

DROWNING
ENTIRE
UNIVERSES!

THEN WHAT
DO WE DO?
HOW DO WE
STOP IT?

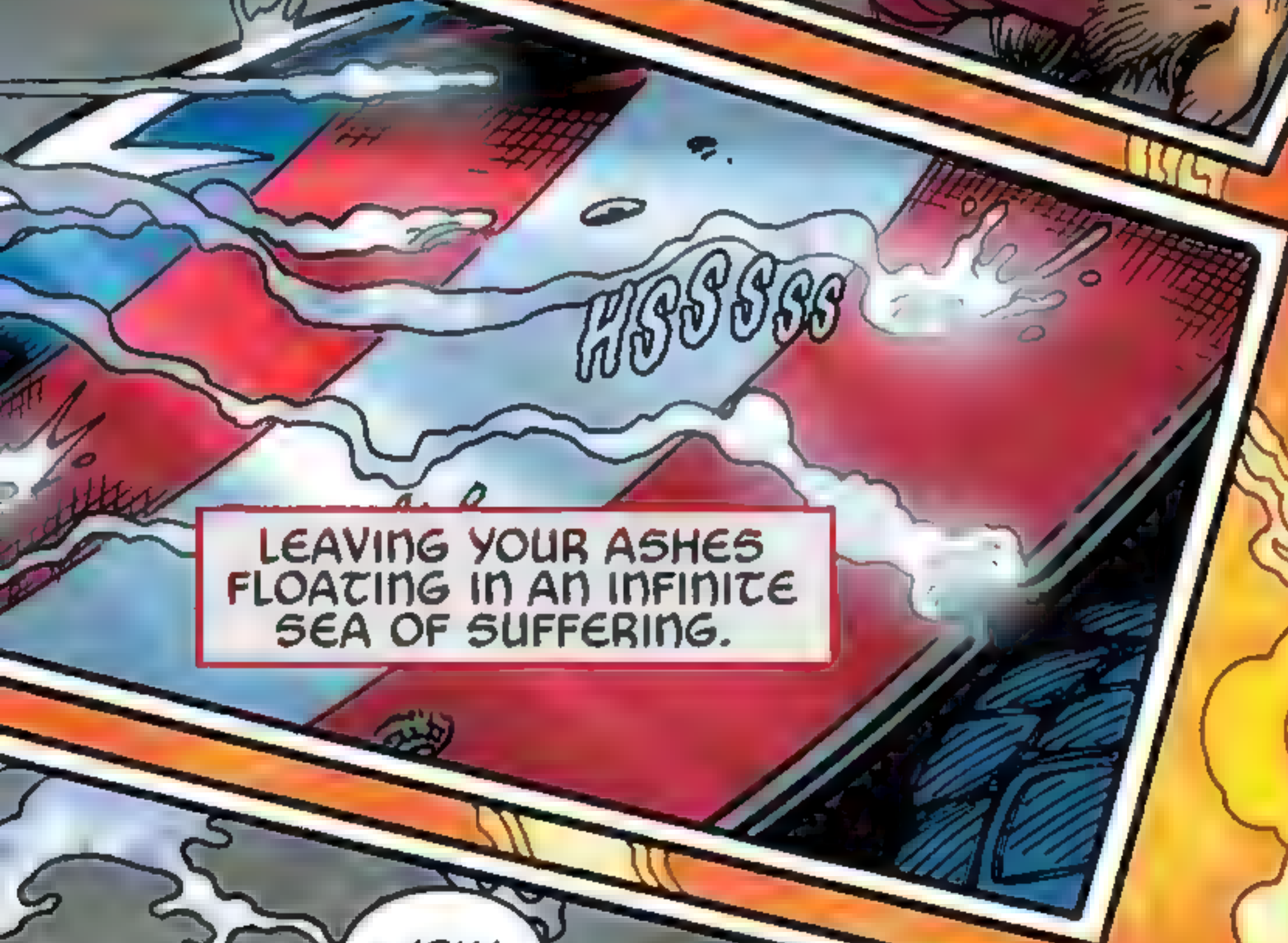
NO ANSWER COMES.
AND EVEN IF IT DID,
CAPTAIN AMERICA
WOULD NOT HEAR IT,
OVER THE CRASHING
OF DEATH-WAVES.

ARE THERE
ANY WOUNDED
OUT THERE?! SOUND
OFF IF YOU CAN HEAR
MY VOICE!

ARK!



TO BE CONSUMED
BY THE WAVE IS
TO DROWN AND
BURN AT ONCE.



LEAVING YOUR ASHES
FLOATING IN AN INFINITE
SEA OF SUFFERING.



AN UNSTOPPABLE
TSUNAMI OF MULTIVERSAL
DESTRUCTION.

FROM WHICH
THERE IS NO
ESCAPE.



YOU'VE
BEEN A GOOD
BOY.

CLOSE
YOUR EYES
NOW.



WAIT, WHAT
JUST HAPPENED?
THE WAVE'S FROZEN
IN MIDAIR!

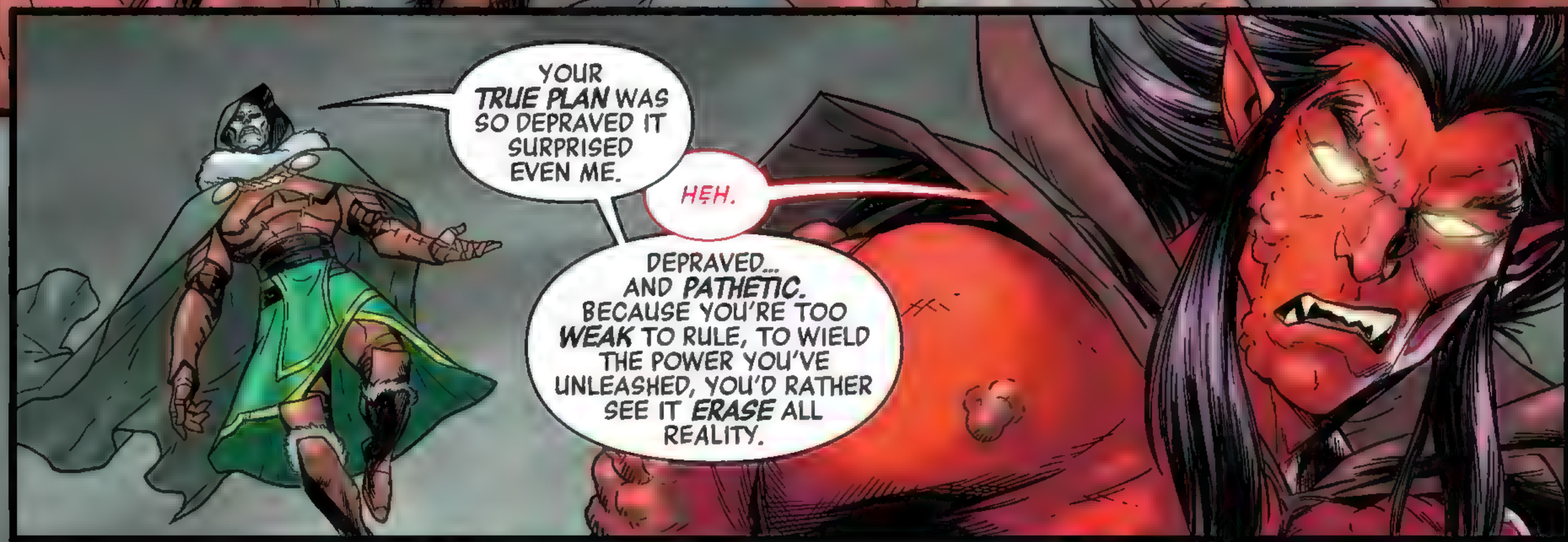
HRRRGGH!
WHATEVER
YOU'RE GONNA
DO...



...DO IT
FAST!
'CAUSE EVEN
THE PHOENIX
CAN'T HOLD THIS
BACK FOR
LONG!



BRavo, MEPhISTo.



YOUR TRUE PLAN WAS SO DEPRAVED IT SURPRISED EVEN ME.

HEH.

DEPRAVED... AND PATHETIC. BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO WEAK TO RULE, TO WIELD THE POWER YOU'VE UNLEASHED, YOU'D RATHER SEE IT ERASE ALL REALITY.



THOUGH IN TRUTH, THIS IS ABOUT ERASING YOUR OWN WRETCHED EXISTENCE, ISN'T IT? IN THE GRANDEST WAY IMAGINABLE.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF MY EXISTENCE, DOOM?

THE FANCY LORD IN HIS CASTLE, ALL AFLUTTER OVER HIS POOR, WOUNDED VANITY?



I WAS
REIGNING IN HELL
WHEN YOUR KIND WERE
STILL SLITHERING
IN MUCK.

AND SURE,
WE'VE HAD OUR
LAUGHS SINCE THEN,
HUMANITY AND I. BUT
AFTER SO MANY EONS
OF INCESSANT
SINFULNESS, IT HAS
GOTTEN SO
THAT...

...EVEN
THE SIGHT OF A
SNIVELING,
LECHEROUS PRIEST
BEING PLAYED ALIVE...
FAILS TO BRING A
SMILE TO MY
FACE.

HELL MAKES
SLAVES OF US ALL,
SOONER OR LATER,
EVEN THE DEVIL
WHO SITS THE
THRONE.

WHICH IS WHY
I'VE DECIDED TO
FINALLY FREE MYSELF
FROM THE **MONOTONY**
OF ETERNAL
DAMNATION, ONCE
AND FOR ALL.

AFTER
THIS FLOOD
SWEEPS ACROSS
CREATION...

...THERE'LL
BE NO MORE
LIFE.

NO MORE
AFTERLIFE.

NO MORE
SINNERS OR SAINTS
TO MAKE SCREAM
AND SUFFER.

NOTHING BUT
A GRAND AND
GLORIOUS... **SILENCE**...
STRETCHING ON INTO
INFINITY.

HOW
BEAUTIFUL IT
WILL BE.



GAAAGH!

SO, IN SHORT, YOU WISH TO *DIE*?

DOOM WILL GLADLY OBLIGE.



BUT BEFORE YOU GO, GAZE UPON THE MAN WHO WILL **EMBRACE** ALL THAT MADE THE DEVIL HIMSELF **COWER**. THIS POWER YOU HAVE UNLEASHED...



...IN GREAT QUANTITIES, IT OVERWHELMS AND DESTROYS.

BUT IN CONTROLLED DOSES, IT CAN BE HARNESSSED. **WIELDED.**

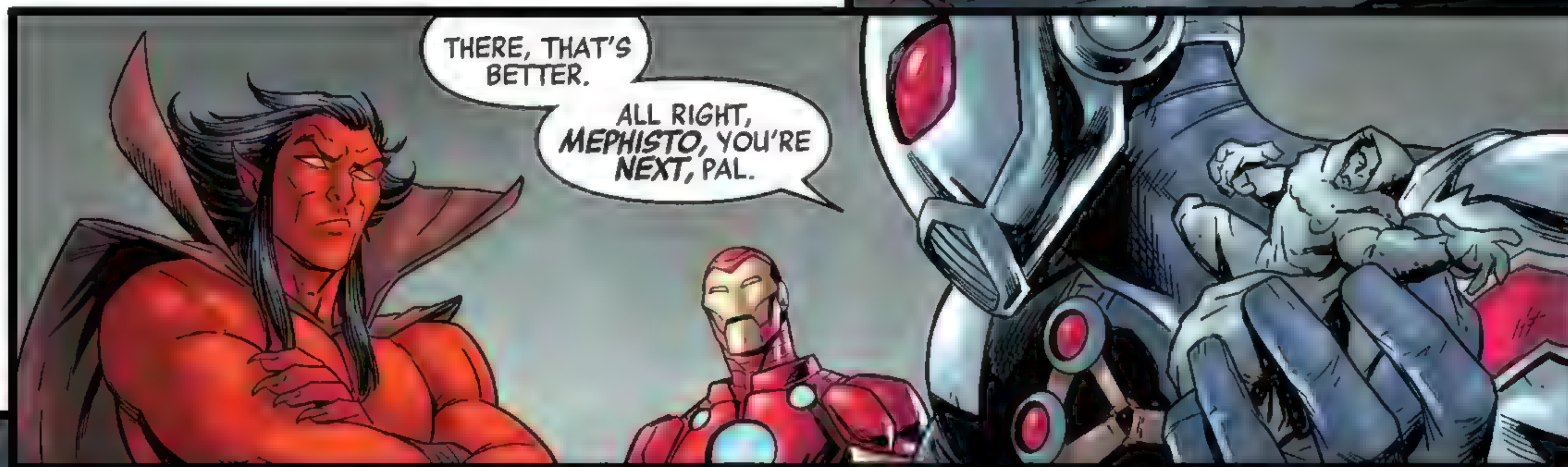


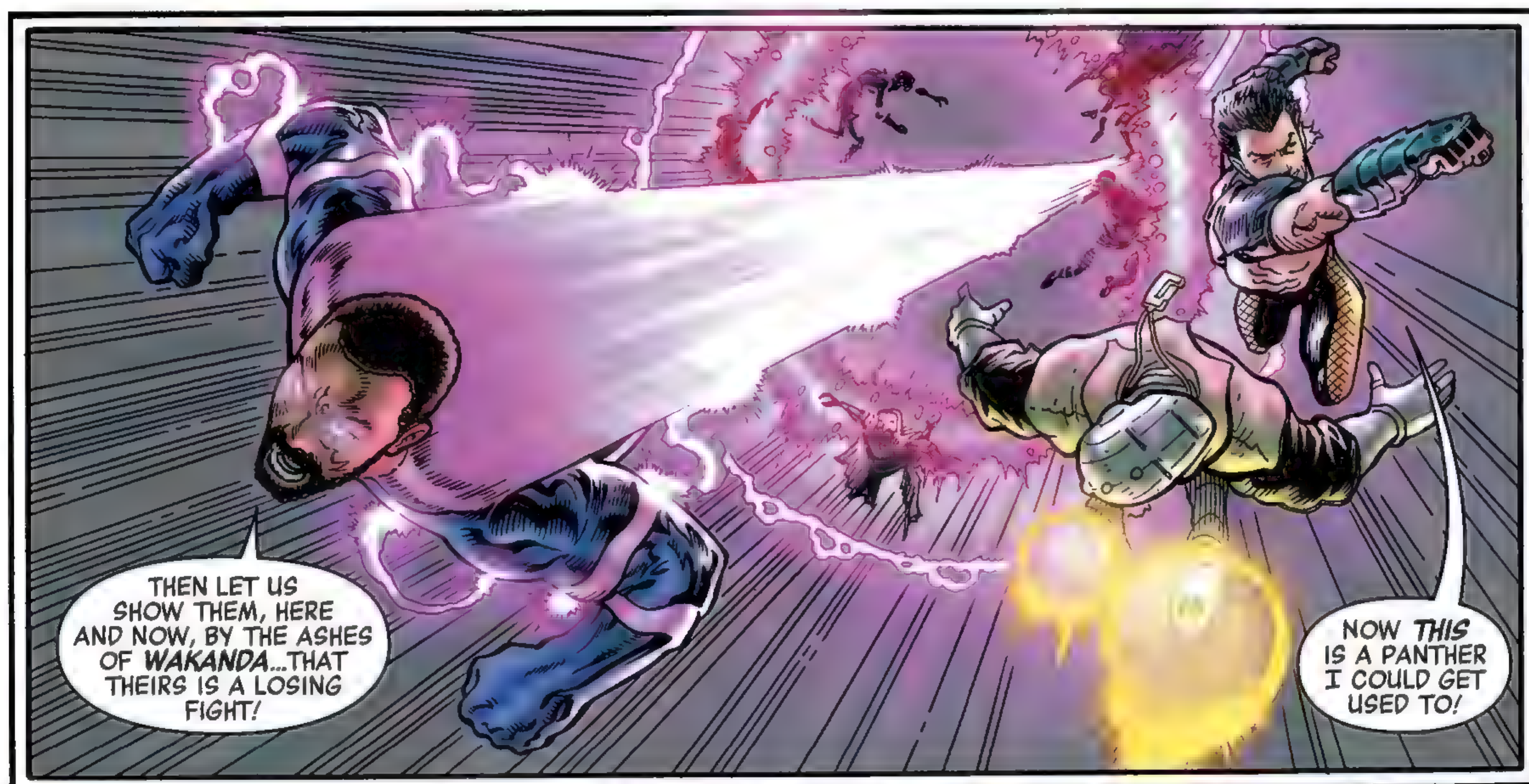
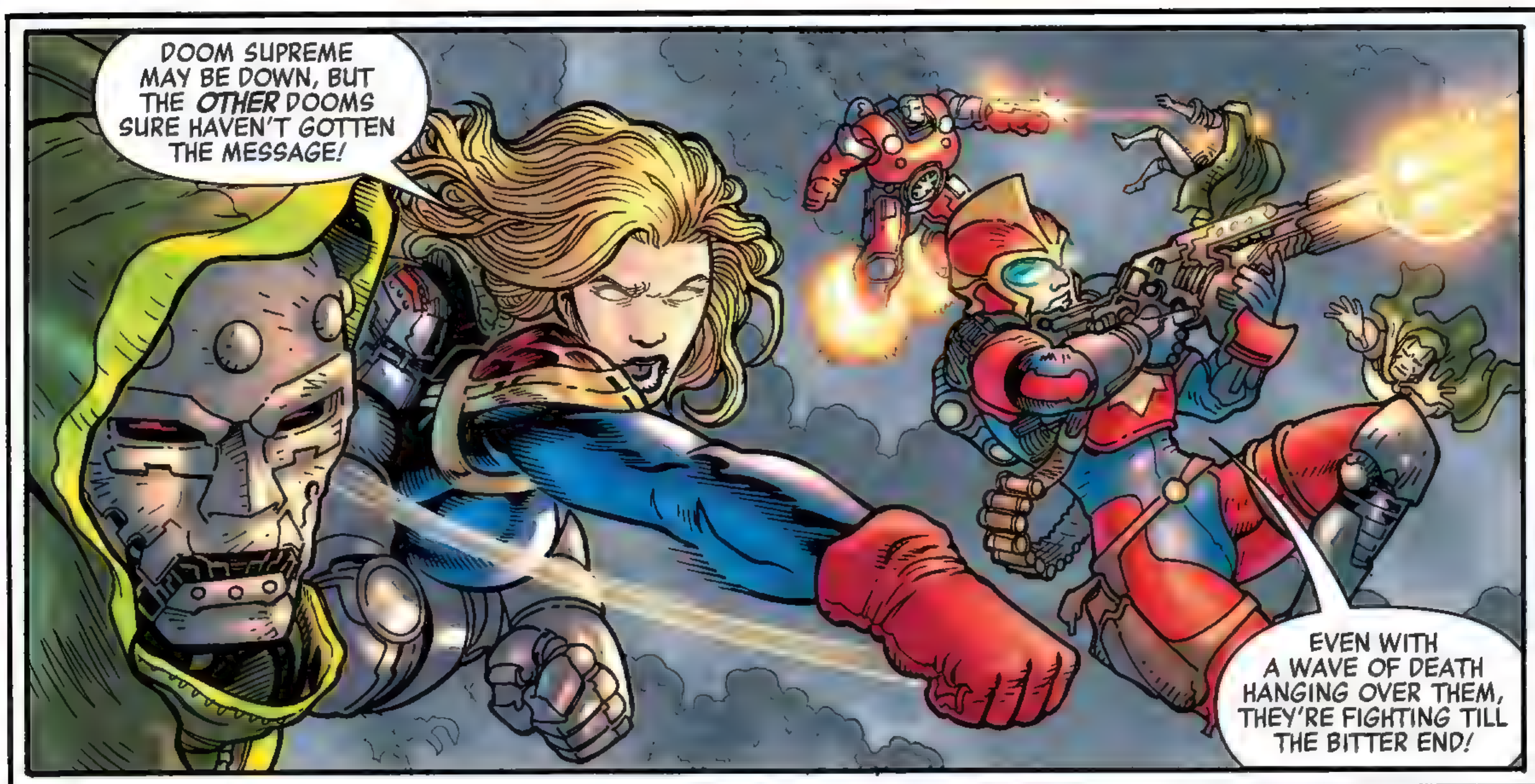
I SYMPATHIZE, MEPHISTO, WITH YOUR DETESTING OF HUMANKIND'S TEDIUM.

WHICH IS WHY, AFTER I HAVE USED THIS POWER TO REMAKE THE MULTIVERSE...

...ONLY **DOOM** WILL REMAIN.







EVEN *GALACTUS* REFUSED TO FACE THIS LEVEL OF POWER. HE RETURNED TO HIS OWN TIME AS SOON AS THE DAM WAS RUPTURED.

ALMOST LIKE YOU CAN'T TRUST A GUY WHO EATS PLANETS. BUT WHO NEEDS HIM?

IT'S OUR MOUNTAIN MAN'S TIME TO SHINE.

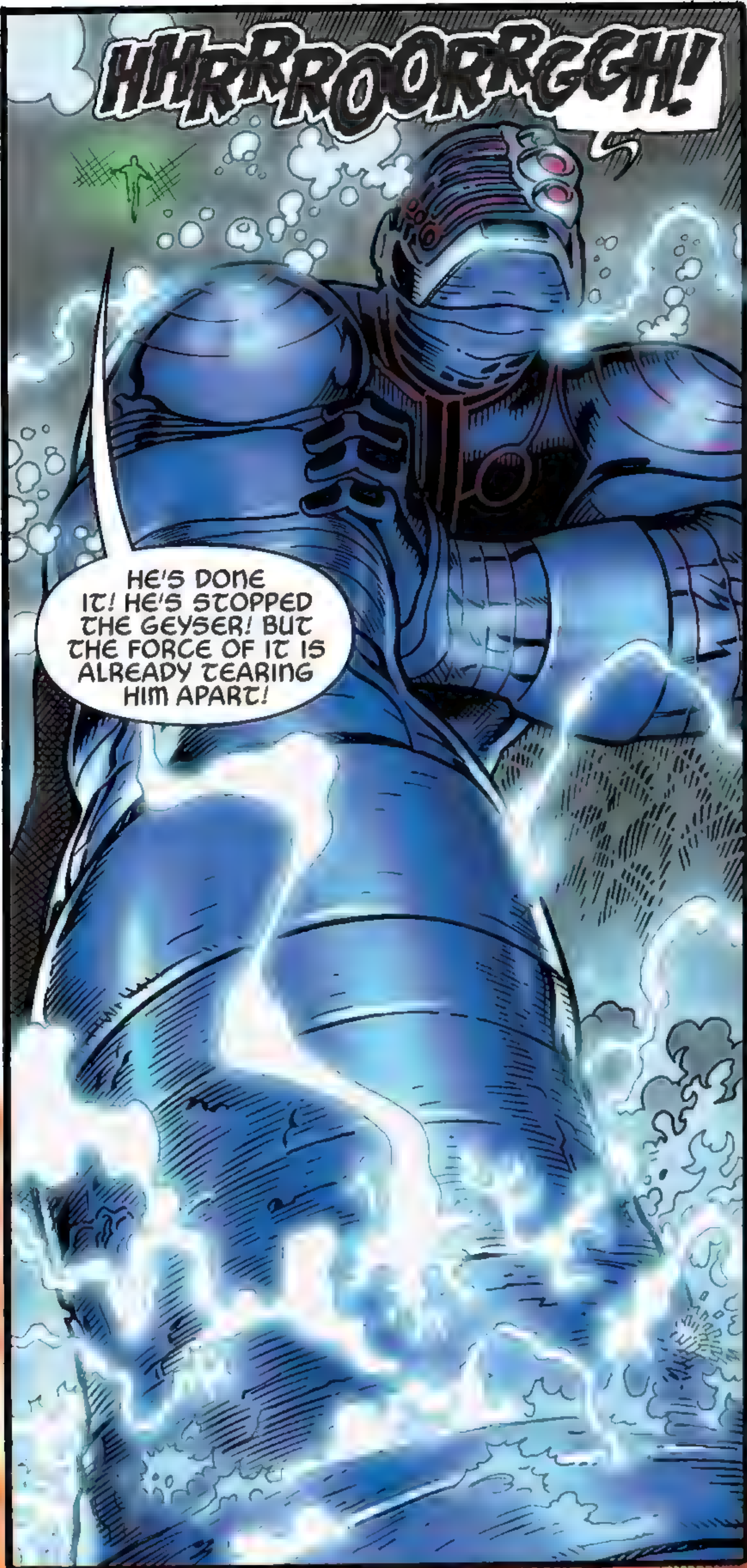
BY ALL THE GODS...

...THE LAST OF MY LOYAL *DEATHLOKS* RETURNED TO HIS POST. AS ALWAYS, THE MULTIVERSE PROVIDES.

BUT UNDERSTAND, OLD FRIEND, EVEN IN *CELESTIAL* FORM, THIS COULD BE THE END OF YOU.

I'M A *DEATHLOK*. I'VE BEEN KILLED BEFORE.

AND IT HASN'T STOPPED ME YET.



HHRROORRGH!

HE'S DONE IT! HE'S STOPPED THE GEYSER! BUT THE FORCE OF IT IS ALREADY TEARING HIM APART!



THUNDER GODS AND GODDESSES! CAUTERIZE THE WOUND!

IT'S NOT ENOUGH! WE NEED MORE POWER!



WHERE ARE THE PHOENIXES?!

RRRRRRGGGGH!!!

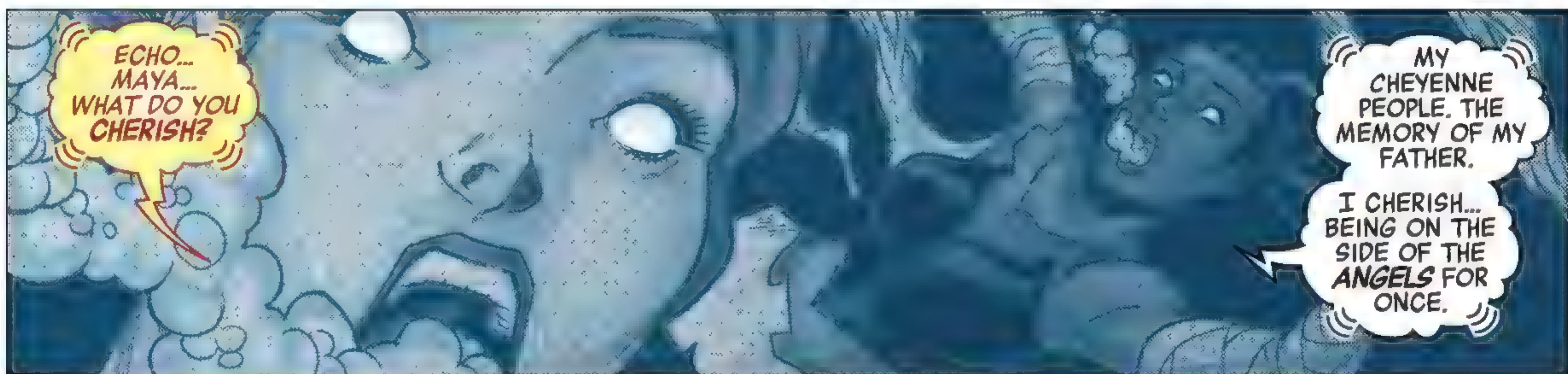


THE UNHEARING AVENGER AND THE PREHISTORIC SOW WHO FANCIES HERSELF THE MOTHER OF THOR! WHAT A PAIR OF FORGETTABLE AVATARS YOU TWO TURNED OUT TO BE!

YOU WILL DIE AS **FOOTNOTES**... REMEMBERED ONLY FOR THE POWER I WILL DRINK FROM YOUR BLOOD!



THE POWER THAT BELONGS TO THE DARK PHOENIX!



ECHO... MAYA... WHAT DO YOU **CHERISH**?

MY CHEYENNE PEOPLE. THE MEMORY OF MY FATHER.

I **CHERISH**... BEING ON THE SIDE OF THE **ANGELS** FOR ONCE.



THEN USE THAT! ALL OF IT!

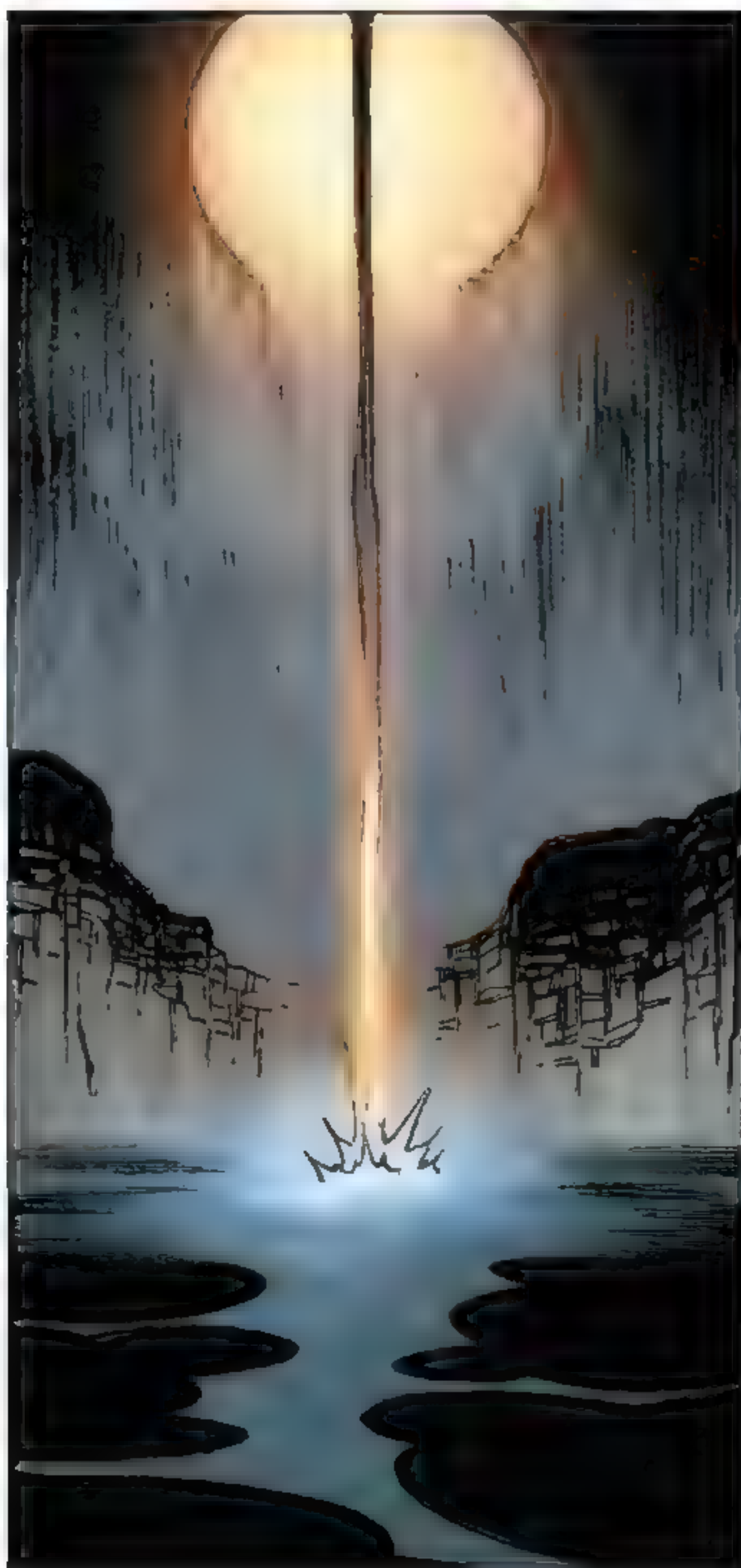
THE PHOENIX IS A FORCE OF **CHAOS**, OF CHANGE, OF UNQUENCHABLE **PASSION**. IN OTHER WORDS...

NO!



...THE PHOENIX
IS A FORCE OF
LOVE!

AAARRRRGGGHH!!!





GAAARRRRGGGGH!!!

DEATHLOK JUST
LOST A HAND! THE
DAM'S WIDE OPEN AGAIN!
WHAT'S THE STATUS
OF OUR WAVE-
BLOCKER?



STILL
ALIVE, BY GOD!
AND NOW I'VE GOT
SOME **BACKUP!**

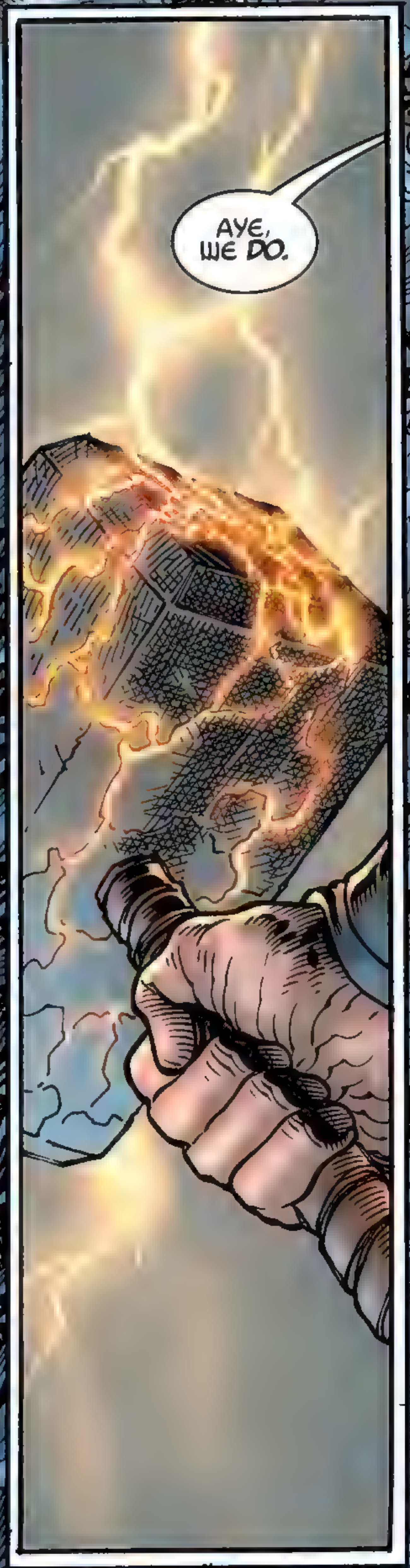
THE
PHOENIXES
ARE CONTAINING
THE WAVE!



BARELY!
WE JUST TOOK
DOWN A DARK PHOENIX!
WE'VE SPENT TOO
MUCH ENERGY!

WE
NEED MORE
FIRE!

YOU'RE THE
ONLY PHOENIXES
WE'VE GOT! WE
DON'T HAVE ANY
MORE FIRE!



AYE,
WE DO.



THE FIRE
BREATHED INTO
ME THE DAY I
WAS BORN!

BY MY
MOTHER!

THE FIRE
OF THE MIGHTY
THOR!

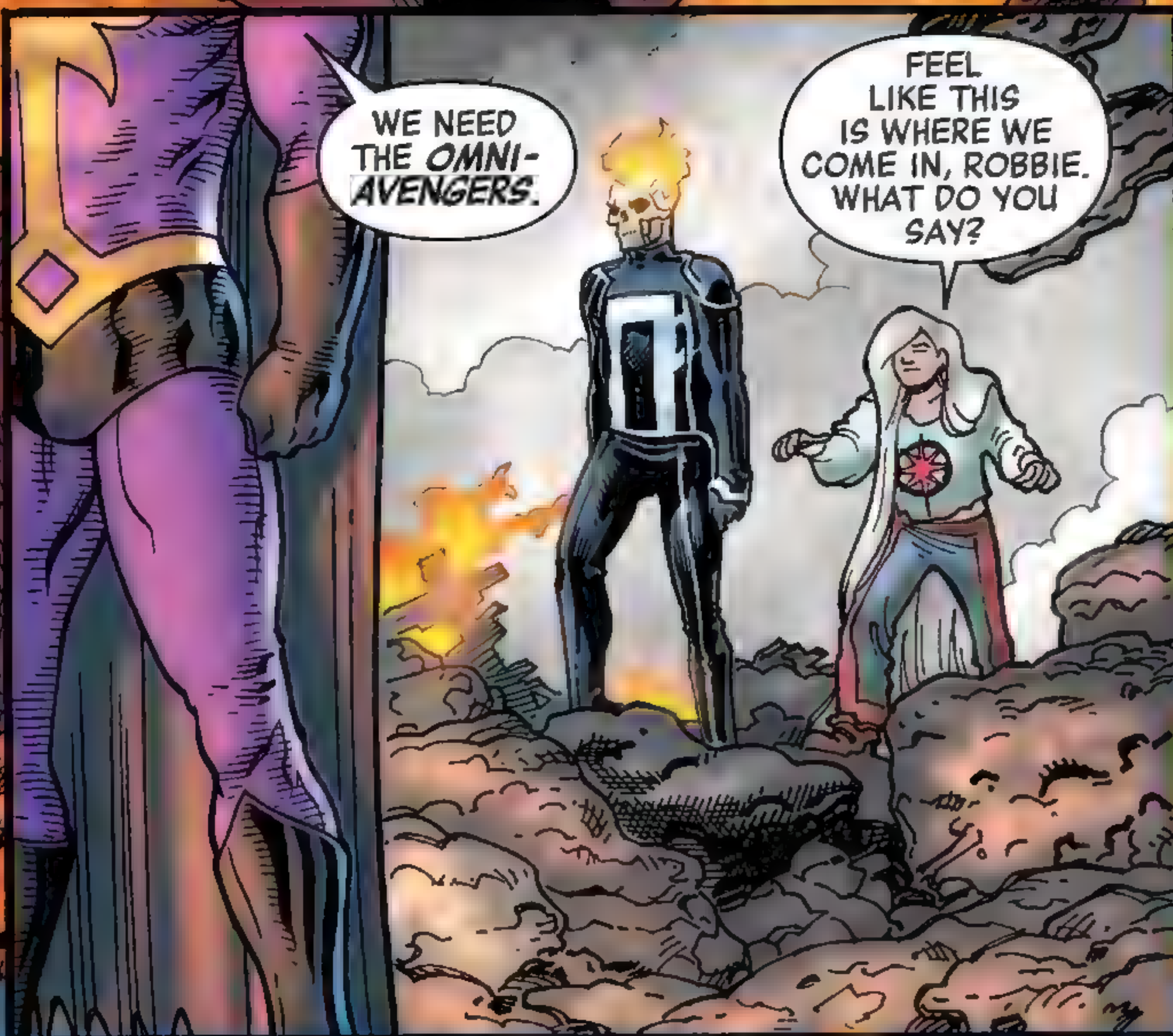
SON OF THE
THUNDERBIRD!

HOW DO
WE END THIS?
HOW DO WE PLUG
THE DAM?

T'CHALLA
ALWAYS KNEW
IT WOULD COME
DOWN TO
THIS.

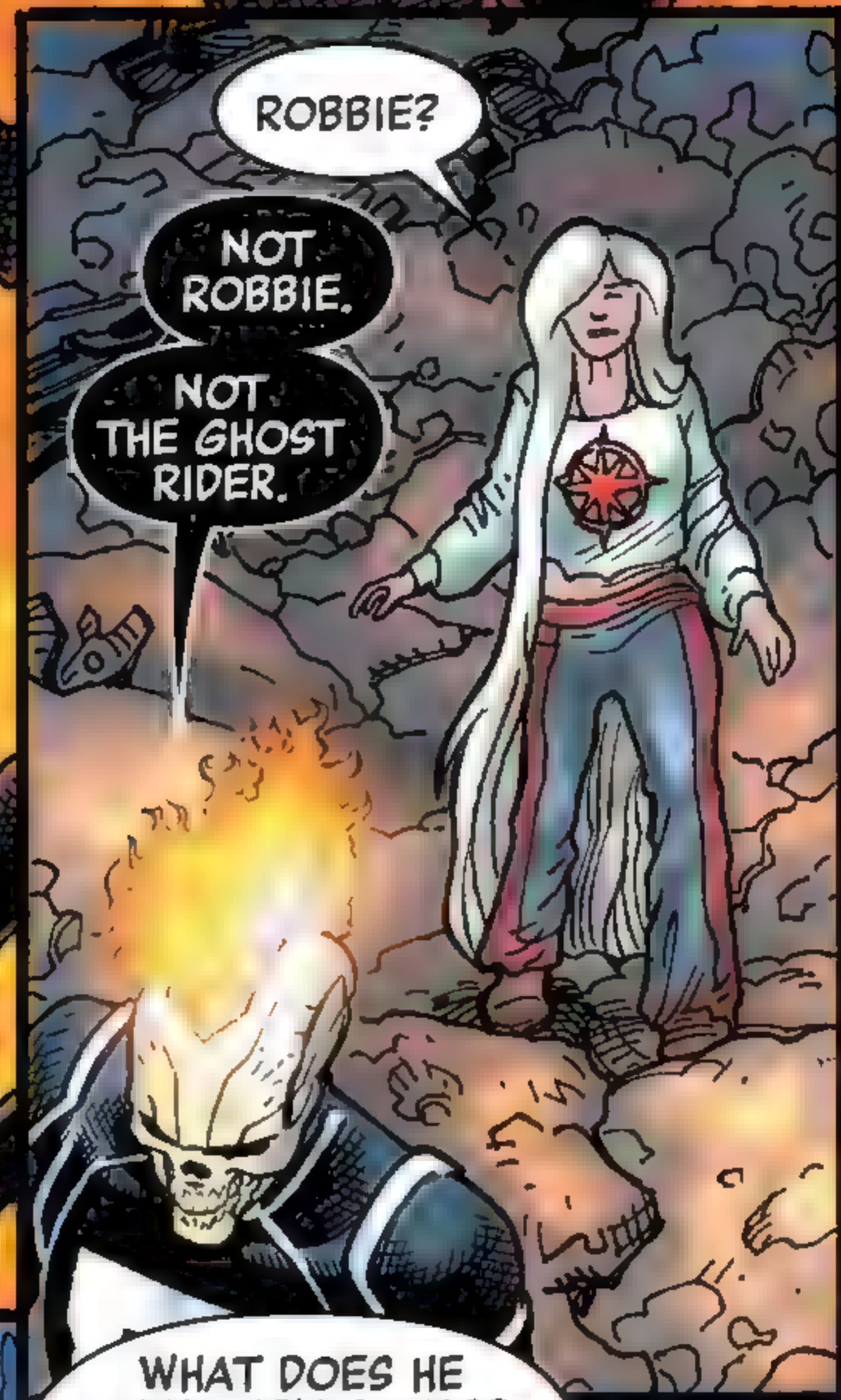
IT'S
WORKING!

THEY'RE
DRIVING THE
WATERS BACK.



WE NEED THE OMNI-AVENGERS.

FEEL LIKE THIS IS WHERE WE COME IN, ROBBIE. WHAT DO YOU SAY?



ROBBIE?
NOT ROBBIE.
NOT THE GHOST RIDER.



WHAT DOES HE THINK HE'S DOING? DOOM THE LIVING PLANET WAS BLASTED TO PIECES BY MEPHISTO.

HE'S THE ALL-RIDER.



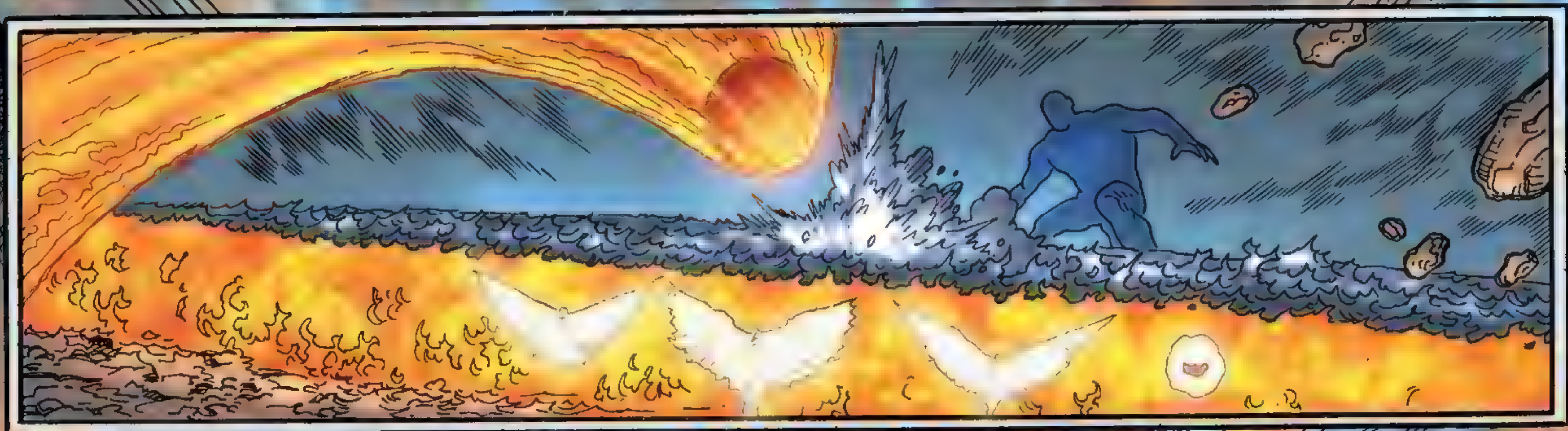
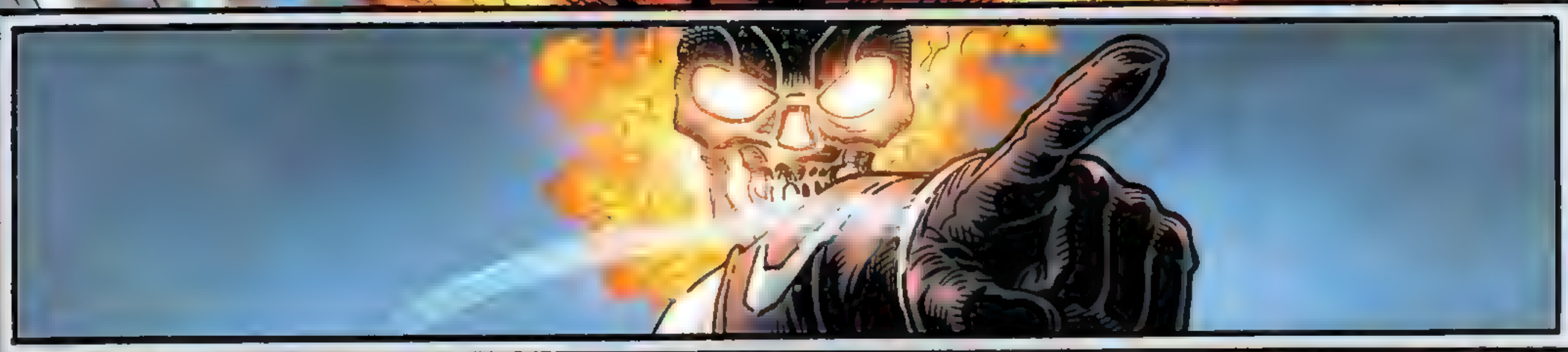
"THE MULTIVERSAL SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE. NOTHING IS BEYOND HIS POWER."

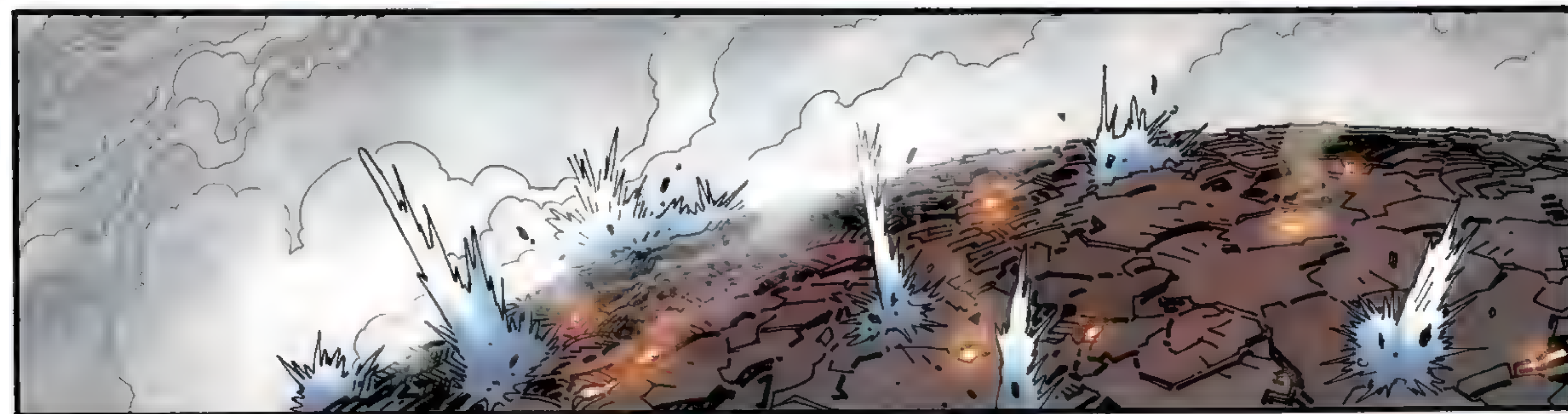
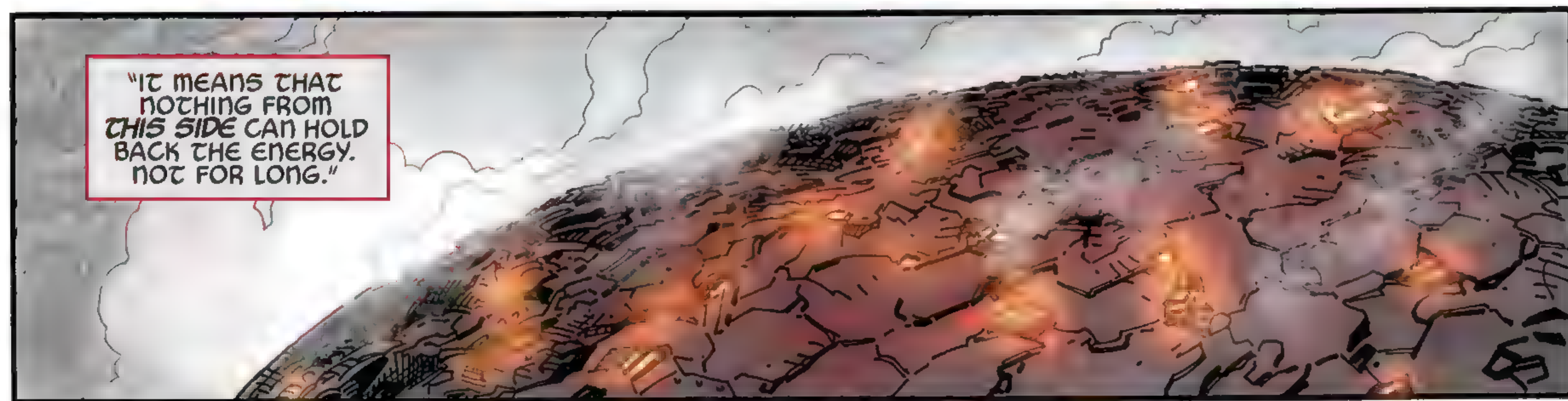
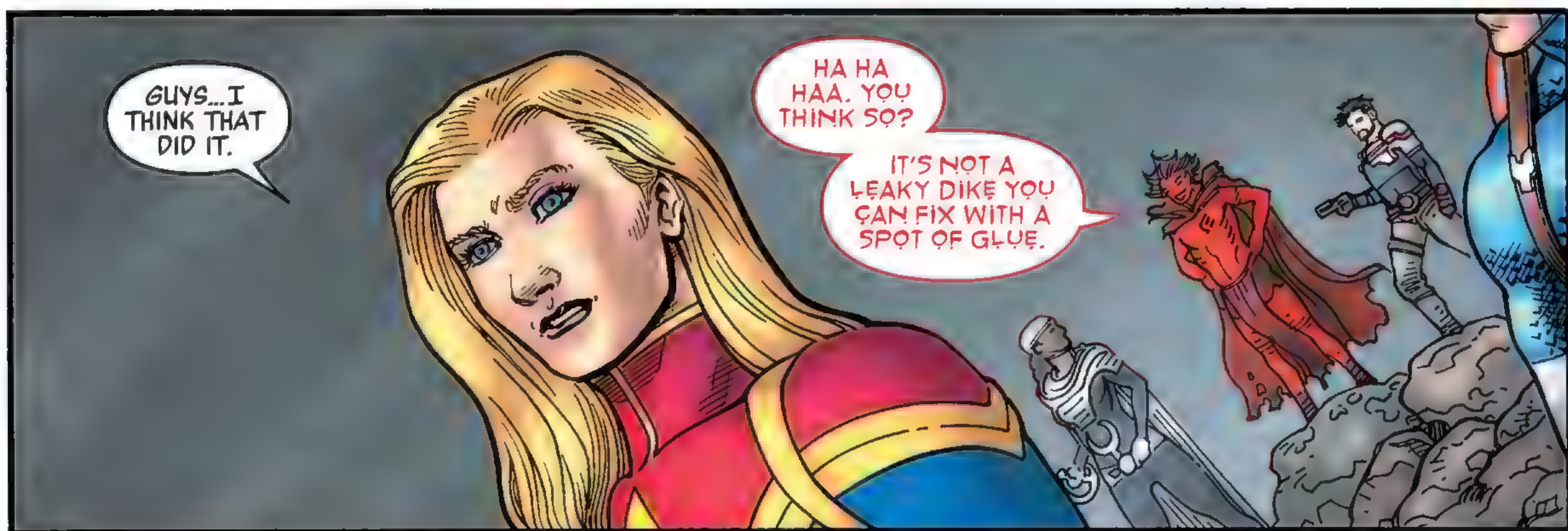
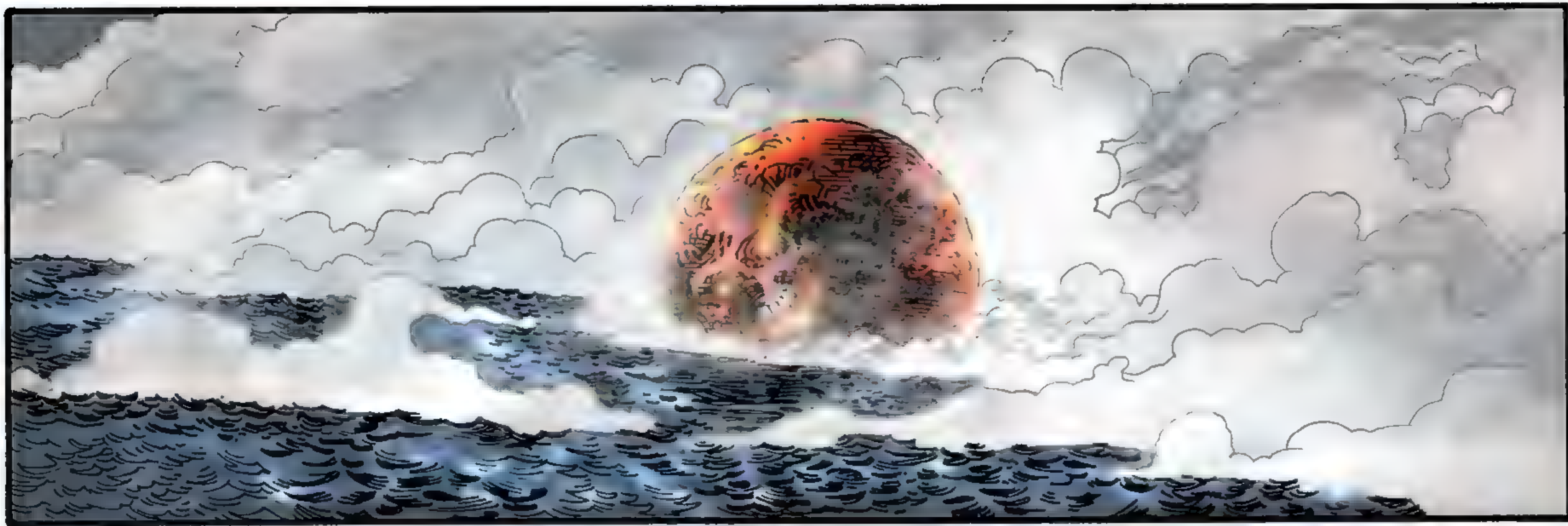


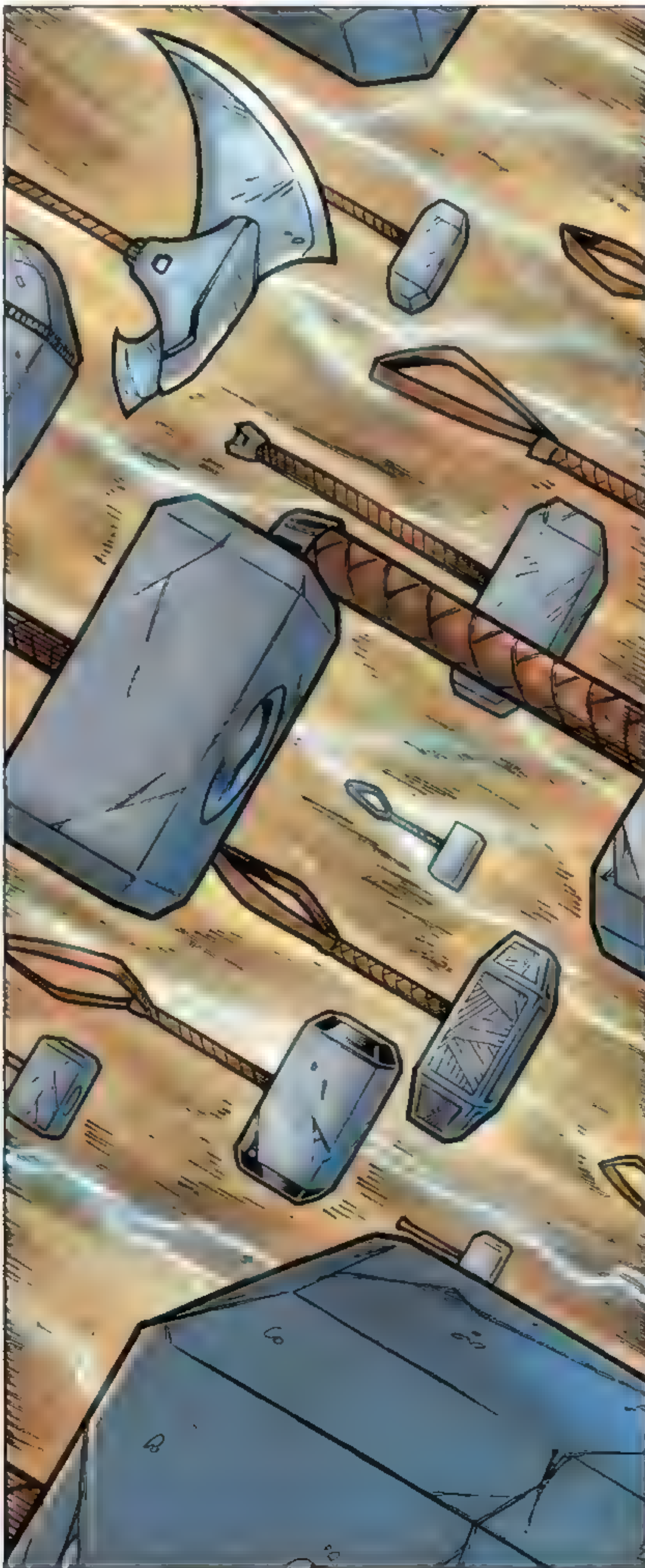
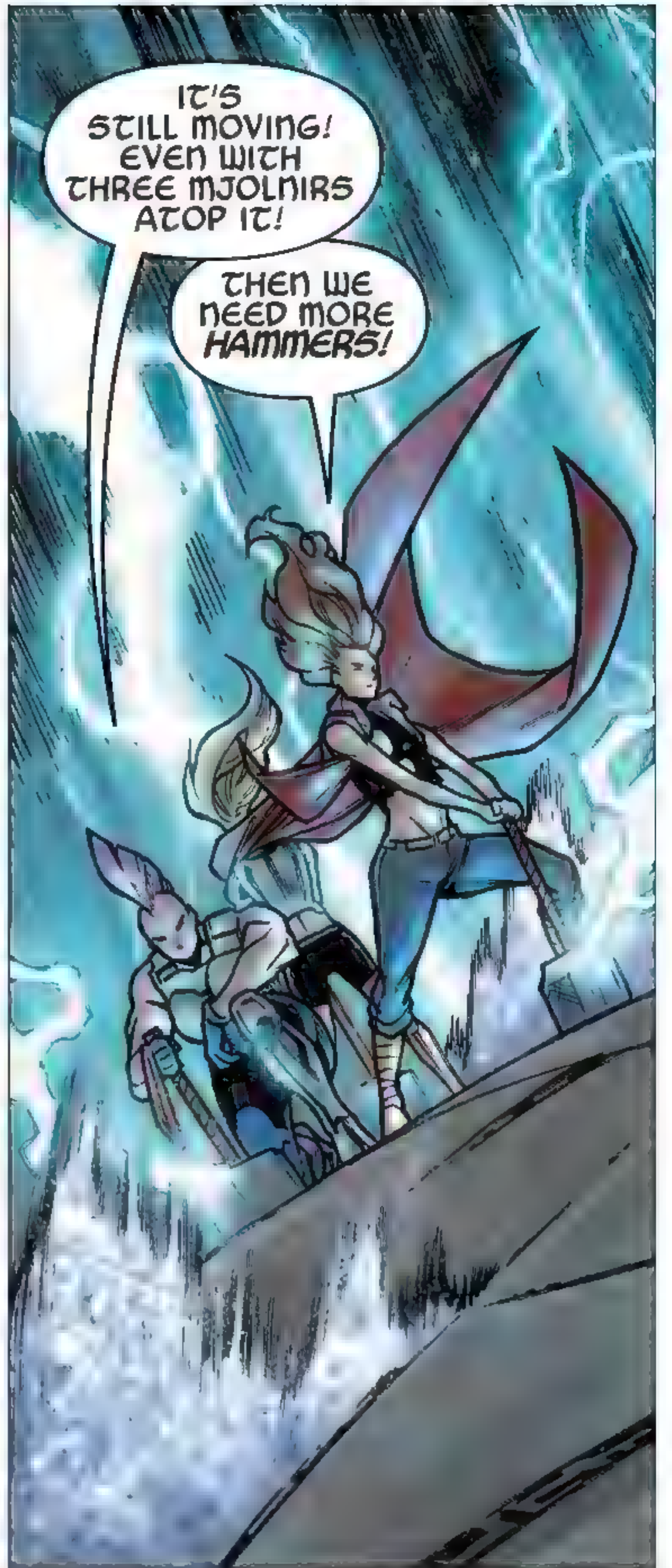
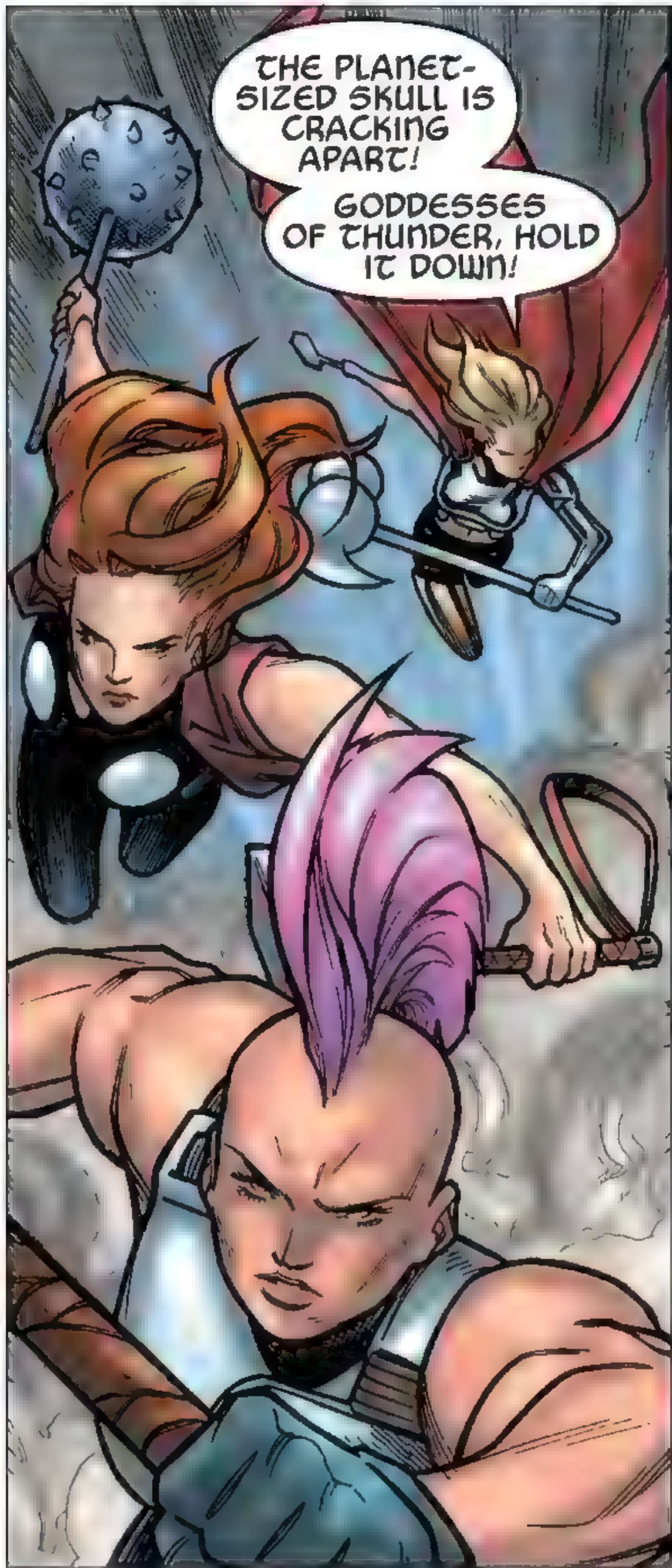
"NOT EVEN THE WALLS OF DEATH."

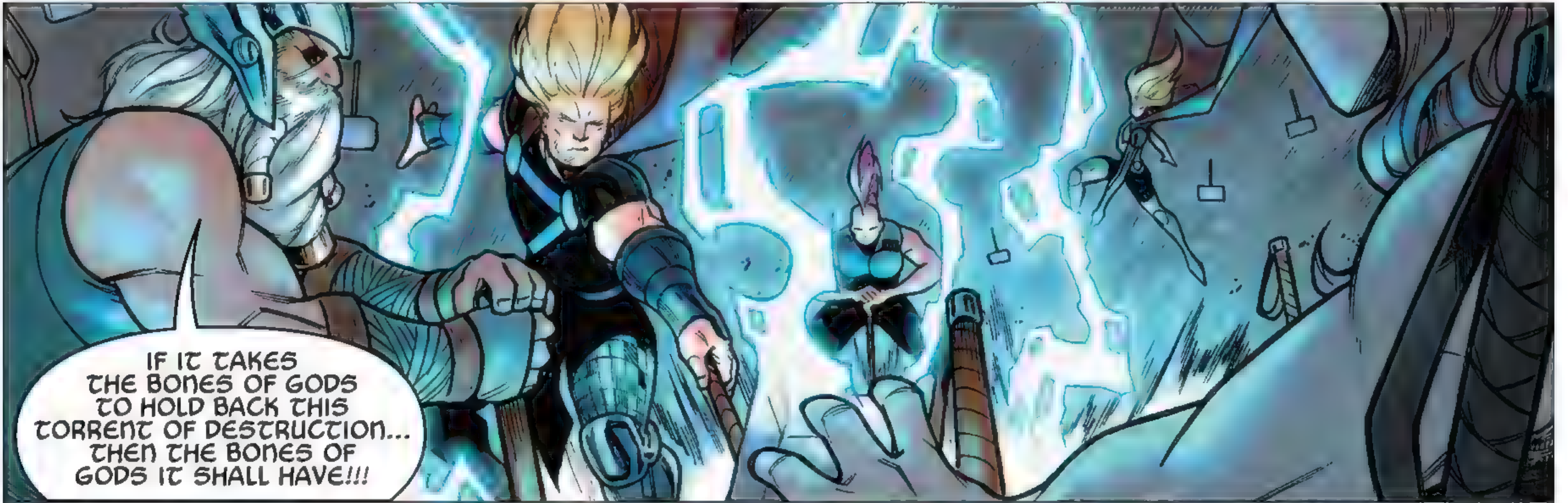
"IF IT EXISTS... HE CAN MAKE IT HIS RIDE."

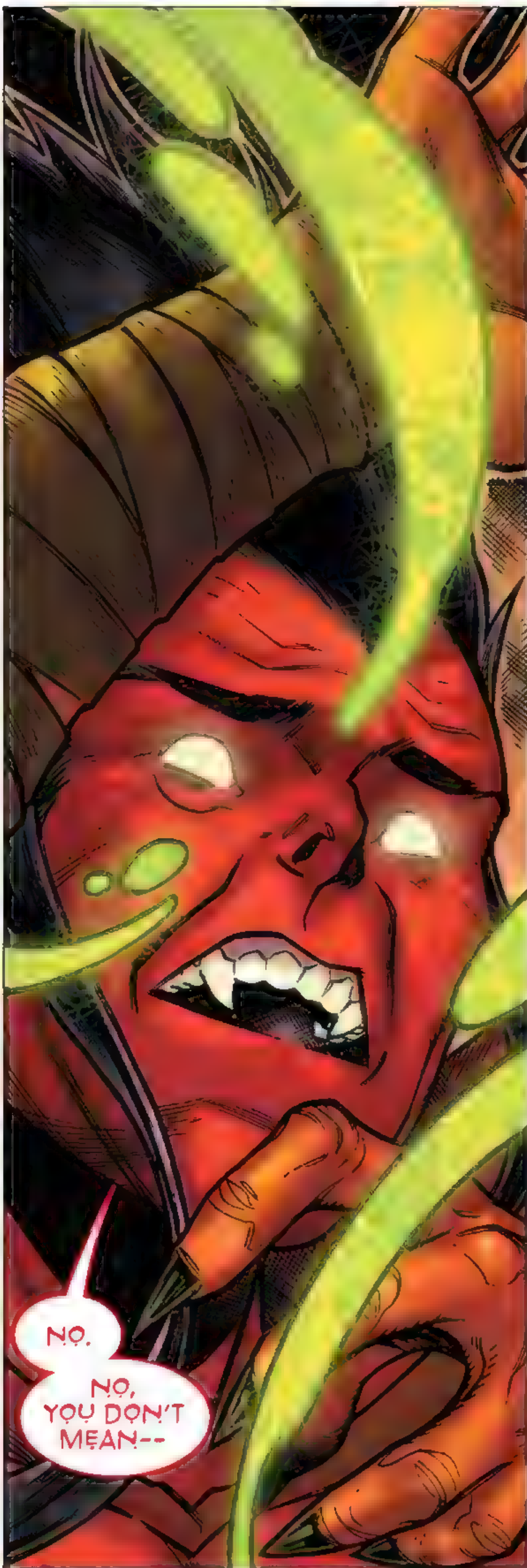
"SO MAKE WAY
FOR THE PLANET
OF VENGEANCE!"













YEAH,
AND THAT
SOMEONE
IS *ME*.



BRANDY,
ABSOLUTELY
NOT!

I'M THE
ONLY ONE WHO
CAN SURVIVE LONG
ENOUGH TO MAKE
IT HAPPEN.

YOU'RE
A *CHILD*!

I'M A
STARBRAND.

THERE HAS
TO BE ANOTHER
WAY!



THERE
IS.



MR. CAP.
MS. CAROL.

TAKE
CARE OF MY
BROTHER.



NO,
ROBBIE, WHAT
ARE YOU...?



IT WON'T HOLD!

THEN WE'LL HOLD FOR IT!

ROBBIE!
STOP THIS! YOU'VE
DONE ENOUGH! IT'S
MY TURN!
THIS IS
WHY I'M
HERE!

IT
ISN'T.

AND NO ONE
OUTRACES THE
ALL-RIDER.

GOODBYE,
STARBRAND.

NO!

GOODBYE,
ROBERTO
REYES.



SURE
BEEN... A CRAZY
RIDE.



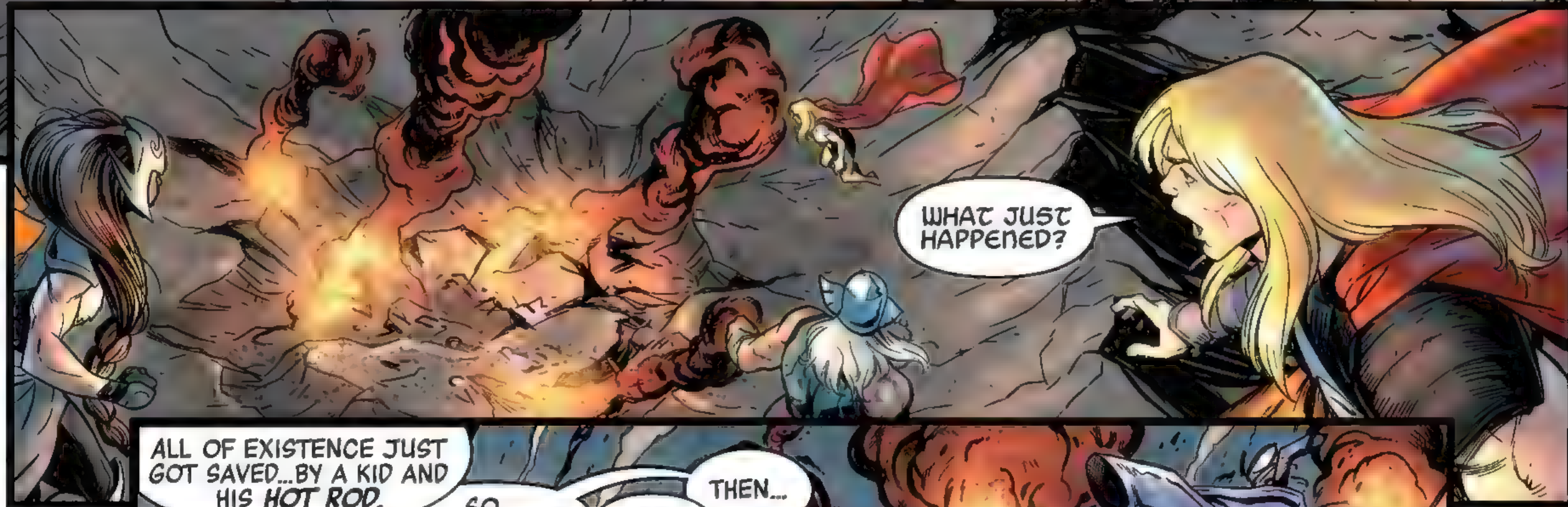
NOW IT'S
TIME FOR ONE
LAST RACE.

HOLD
NOTHING
BACK.



PEDAL
TO THE
METAL.

ALL
THE WAY TO
HELL.



ALL OF EXISTENCE JUST GOT SAVED...BY A KID AND HIS HOT ROD.

SO... YOU MEAN WE WON?

IT WOULD APPEAR SO.

THEN...



...HOW COME IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE MUCH OF A VICTORY?

"THE BREACH HAS BEEN SEALED.
THE DOOMS ARE ALL IN CUSTODY.
WE MOURN THOSE WHO'VE BEEN
LOST. BUT NOW..."



...NOW WE
MUST DECIDE
WHAT BECOMES
OF THOSE OF
US...

...WHOSE
WORLDS ARE
STILL LOST.

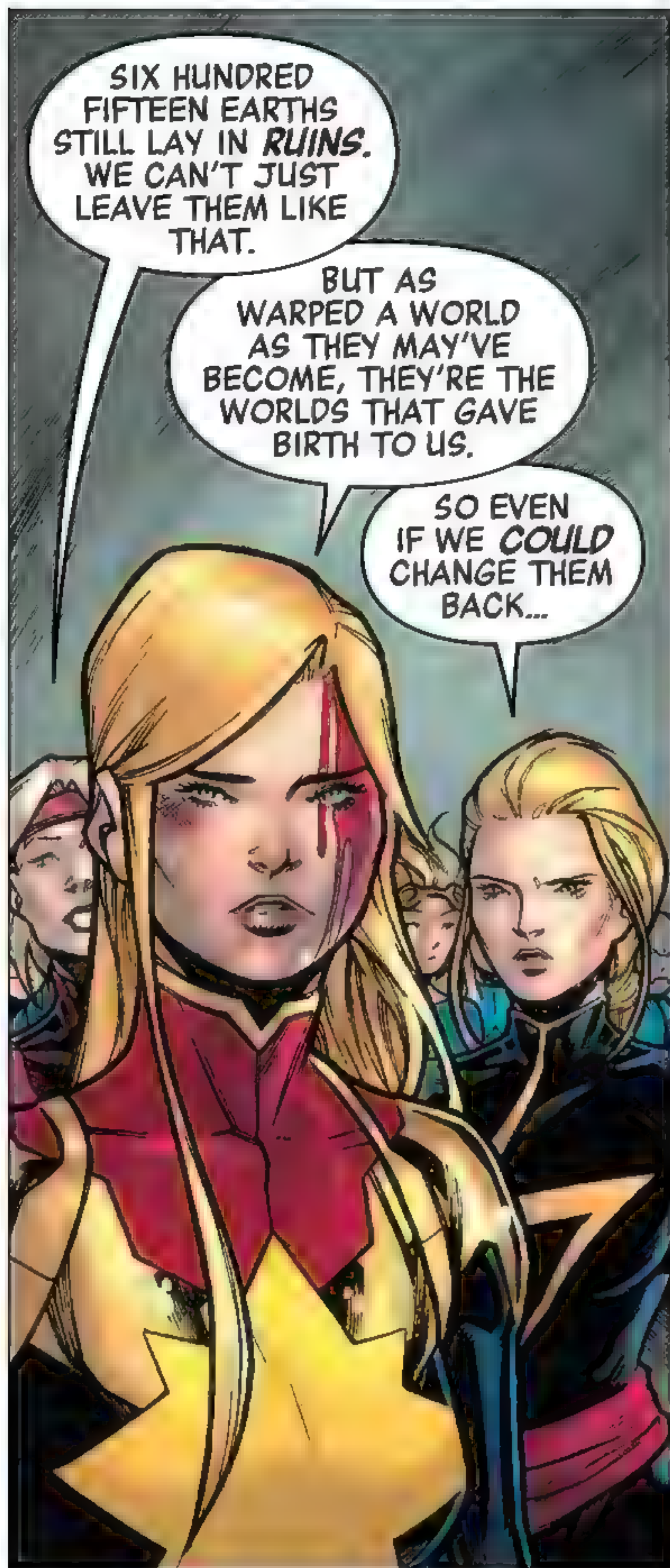


HE'S RIGHT.
WE JUST SAVED THE
ENTIRE MULTIVERSE, BUT IT
DOESN'T MEAN EVERYTHING
HAS GONE BACK TO THE
WAY IT WAS SUPPOSED
TO BE, DOES IT?

BEFORE DOOM
AND HIS MASTERS OF
EVIL WENT AROUND
MURDERING THE PREHISTORIC
AVENGERS OF DIFFERENT
EARTHS AND REWRITING
THEIR TIMELINES...

...GIVING
BIRTH TO A BUNCH
OF COSMIC ODDBALLS...
LIKE ME AND MY
CREW.





SIX HUNDRED FIFTEEN EARTHS STILL LAY IN **RUINS**. WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE THEM LIKE THAT.

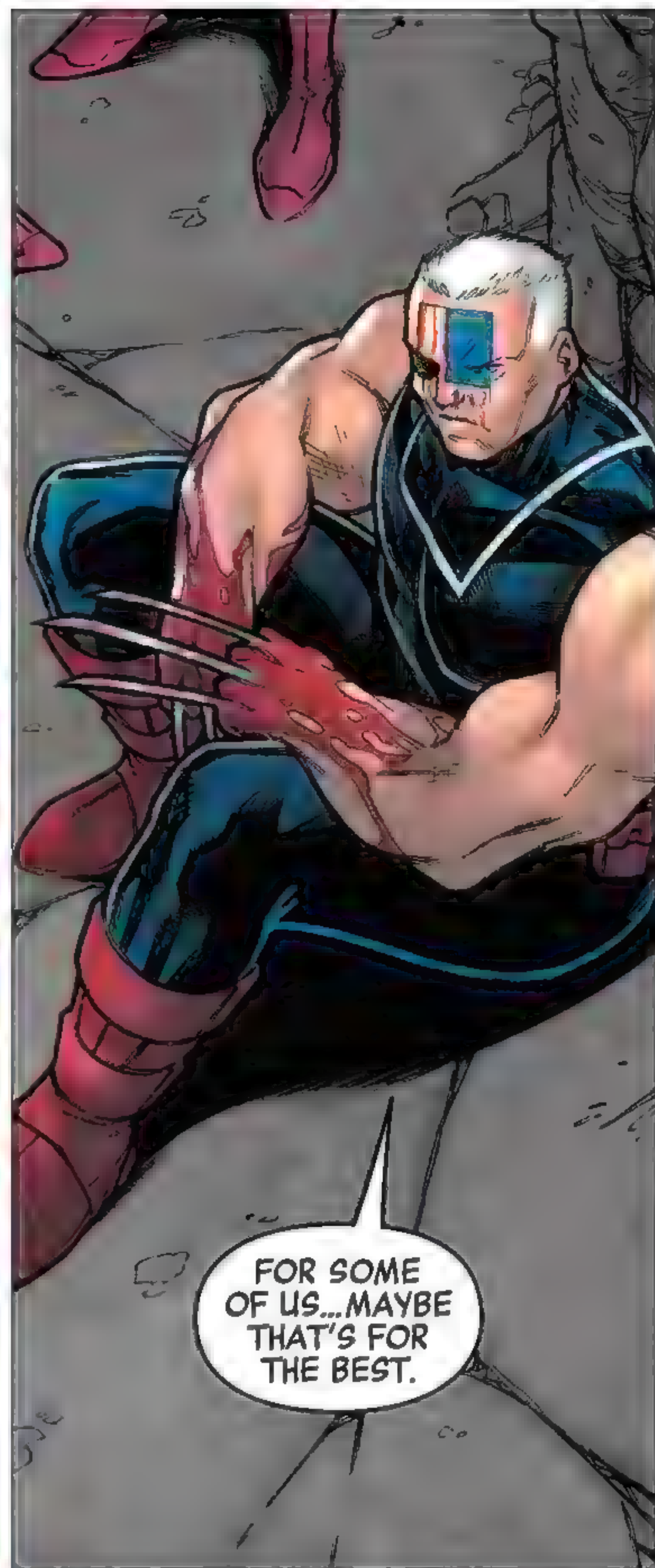
BUT AS **WARPED** A WORLD AS THEY MAY'VE BECOME, THEY'RE THE WORLDS THAT GAVE BIRTH TO US.

SO EVEN IF WE **COULD** CHANGE THEM BACK...



THEN THESE VERSIONS OF US... THE ONES WHO JUST FOUGHT A WAR FOR THE FATE OF ALL THE EARTHS...

...WOULD **CEASE TO EXIST**.



FOR SOME OF US...MAYBE THAT'S FOR THE BEST.



MY EARTH WAS A **NIGHTMARE**, WHERE MY ENTIRE FAMILY WAS MURDERED BY KILLMONGER.

I WOULD GLADLY SACRIFICE MYSELF IF IT WOULD BRING THEM BACK.



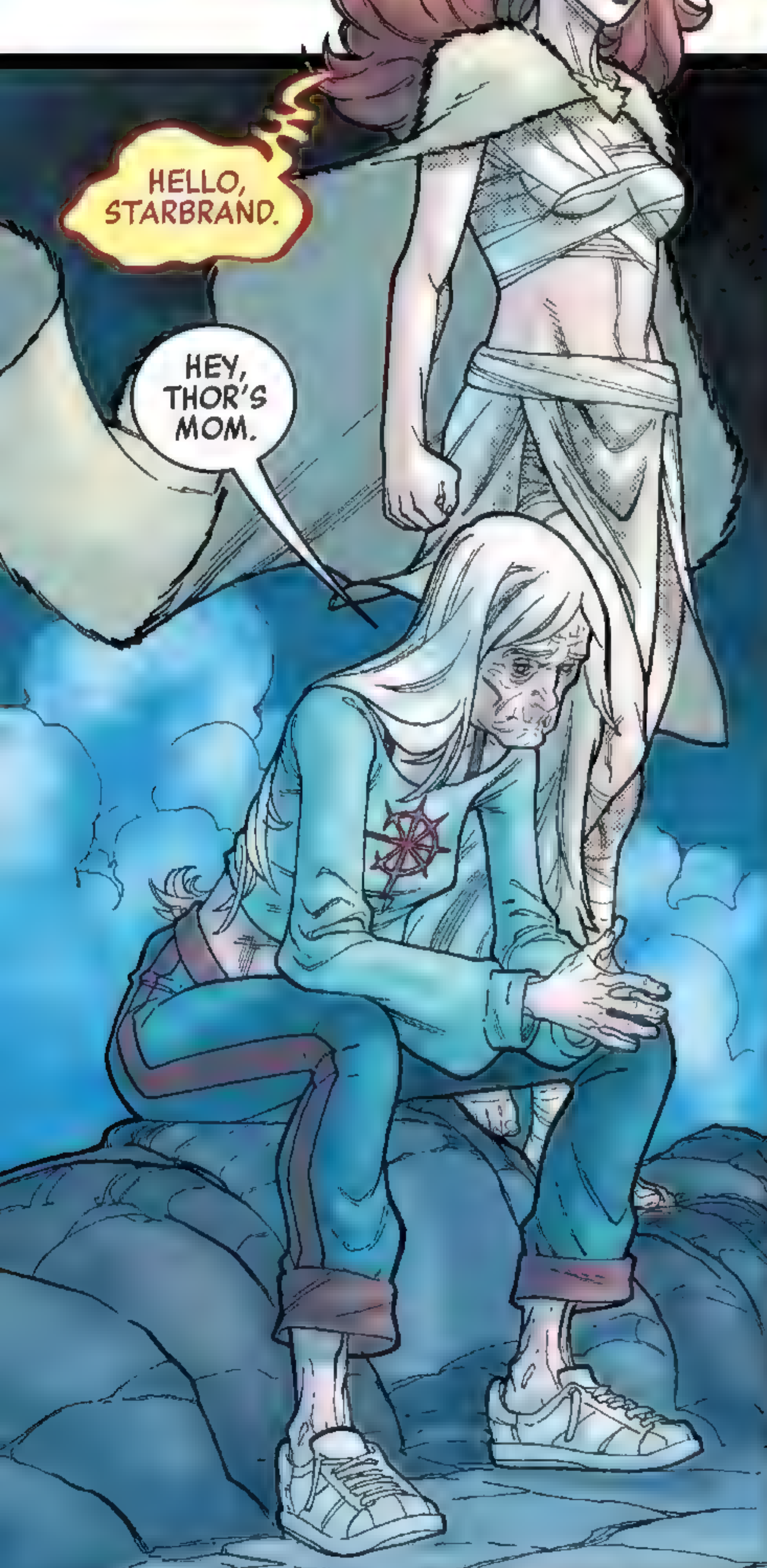
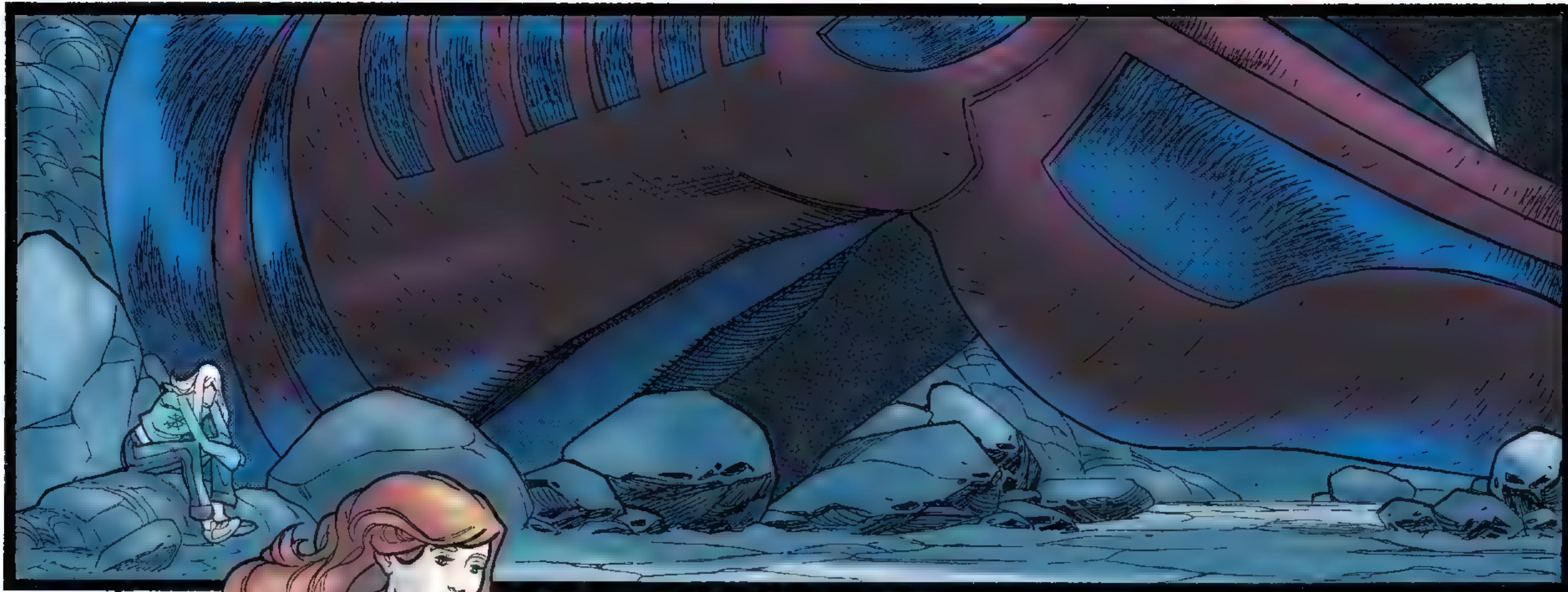
NO! NO WAY! THE HOWLING COMMANDOS SAVED MY LIFE!

I DON'T CARE WHO ANYBODY SAYS I'M **SUPPOSED** TO BE! I KNOW THAT THIS IS WHO I AM! AND I'M NOT GIVING IT UP!



IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE THE **POWER** TO CHANGE ALL THOSE EARTHS ANYWAY. DO WE?

BUT WE CAN'T LEAVE THEM AS NIGHTMARISH HELLSCAPES.



HELLO,
STARBRAND.

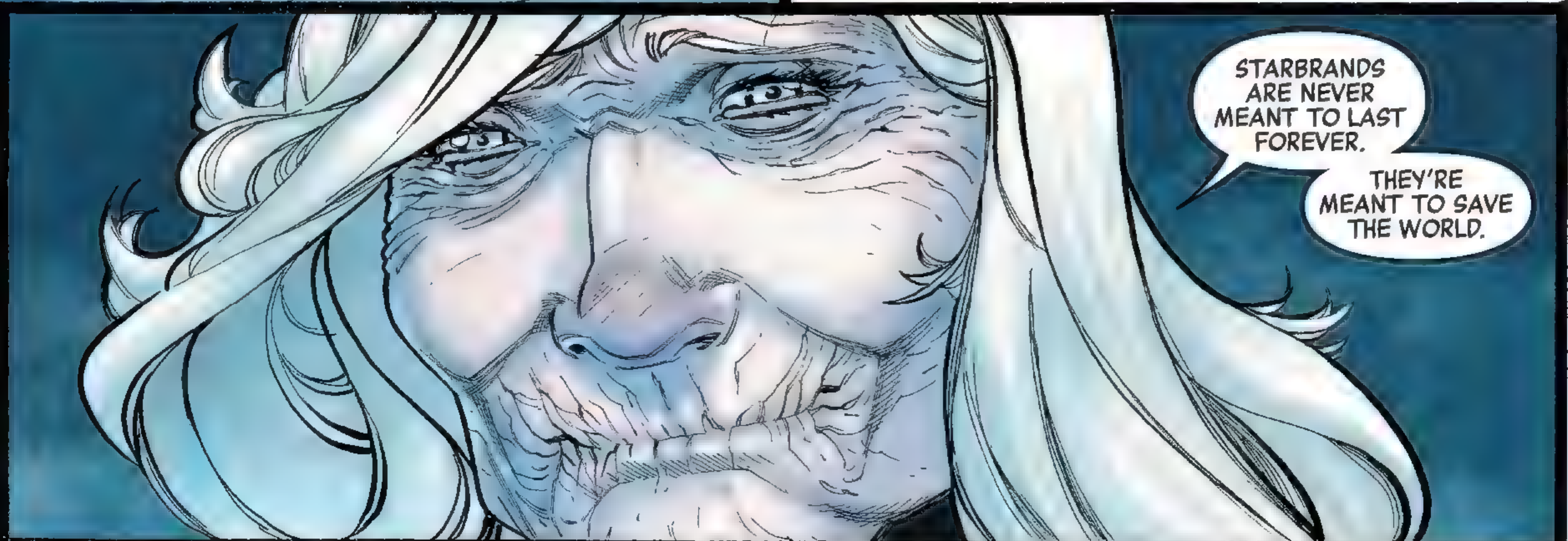
HEY,
THOR'S
MOM.



YOU CAME
TO TELL THE
DEATH-CELESTIAL
GOODBYE.

HE
WEEPS FOR
YOU.

YEAH. HE'S
THE ONE WHO SENT
ME HERE. BUT I TRIED
TO TELL HIM TO
SAVE HIS TEARS.



STARBRANDS
ARE NEVER
MEANT TO LAST
FOREVER.

THEY'RE
MEANT TO SAVE
THE WORLD.

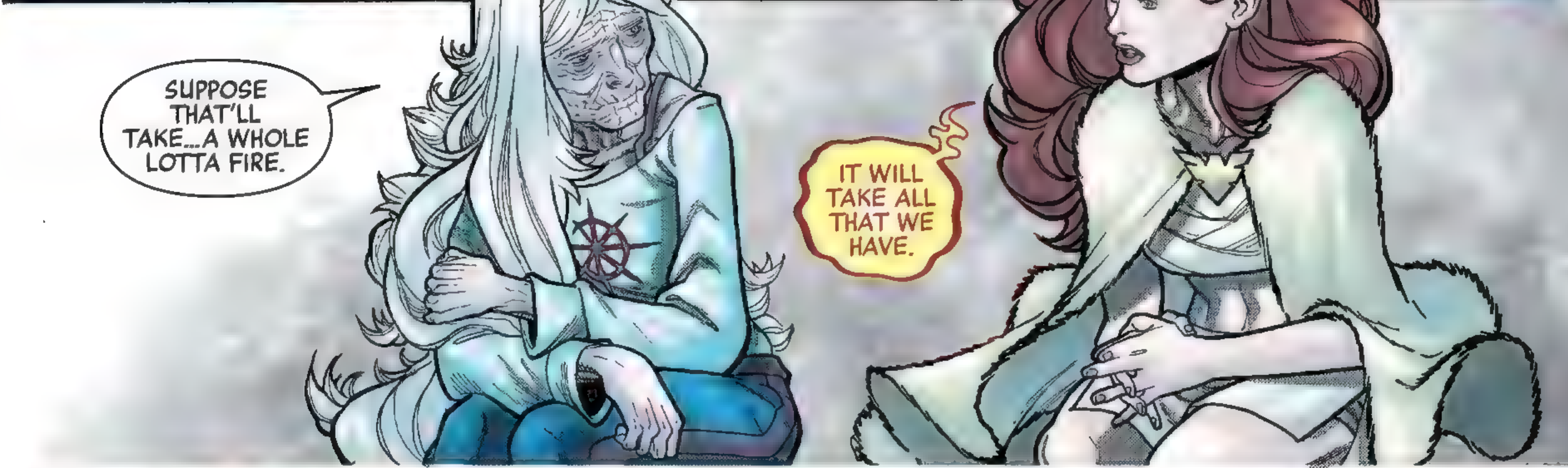


YOU FEEL THE
CALL THE SAME
AS I DO?

I'VE FELT IT
BEFORE. THE LAST
TIME A PHOENIX AND I
HAD TO RESET A REALITY
THAT'D BEEN WRONGLY
REWRITTEN.*

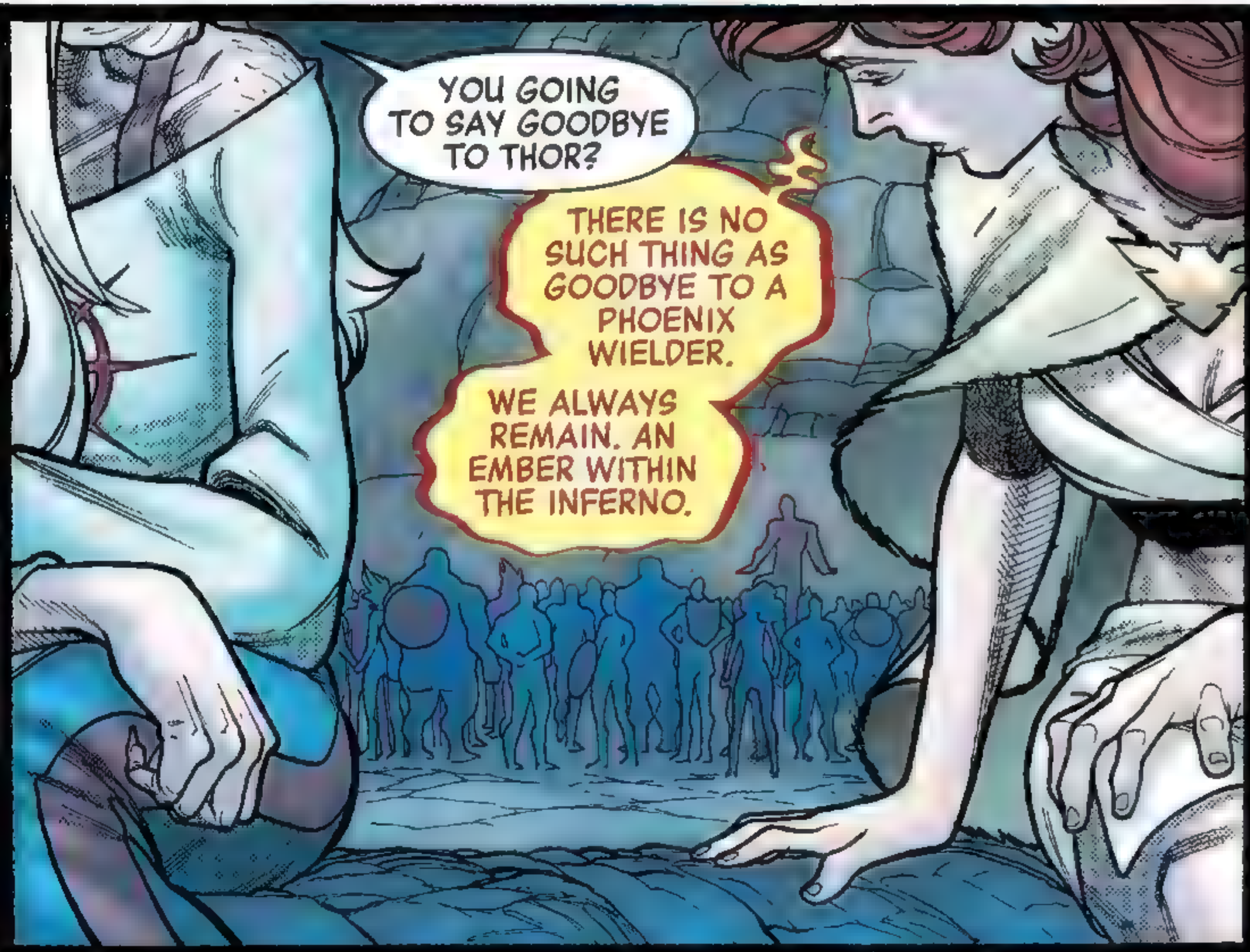
ONLY THIS
TIME, IT IS FAR
MORE THAN JUST
ONE REALITY.

*IN **HEROES
RETURN #1**. --TOM



SUPPOSE
THAT'LL
TAKE...A WHOLE
LOTTA FIRE.

IT WILL
TAKE ALL
THAT WE
HAVE.



YOU GOING
TO SAY GOODBYE
TO THOR?

THERE IS NO
SUCH THING AS
GOODBYE TO A
PHOENIX
WIELDER.

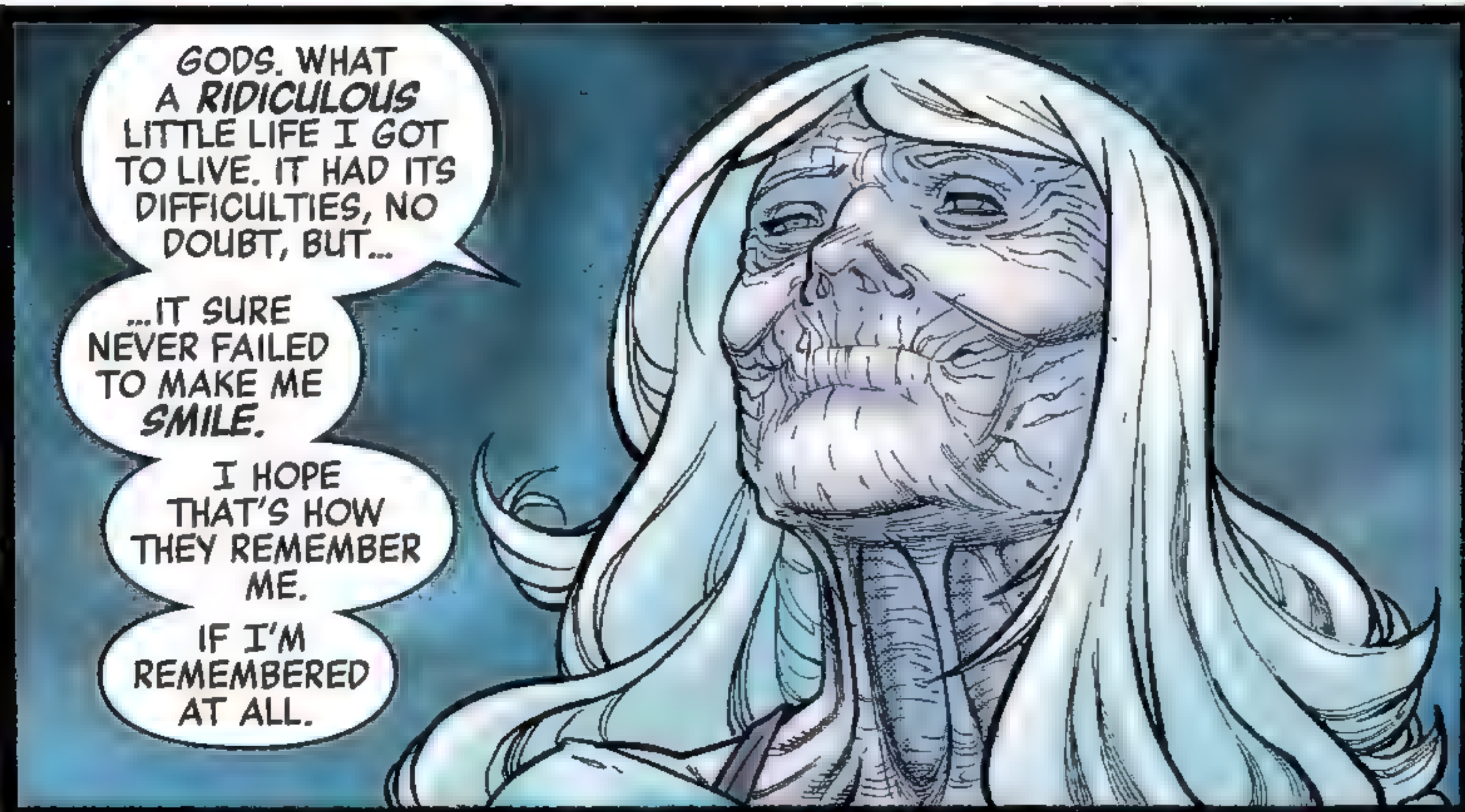
WE ALWAYS
REMAIN. AN
EMBER WITHIN
THE INFERNO.



WHO KNOWS--MAYBE I'LL GET TO
BURN FOREVER TOO. MAYBE THAT'S
WHERE THE **STARS** COME
FROM.

AS THE CARRIER
OF THE FLAME THAT
LIT THE FIRST STARS,
I CAN ASSURE YOU
THAT--

YOU KNOW
WHAT, MAYBE
JUST LET IT BE
A SURPRISE.



GODS. WHAT
A **RIDICULOUS**
LITTLE LIFE I GOT
TO LIVE. IT HAD ITS
DIFFICULTIES, NO
DOUBT, BUT...

...IT SURE
NEVER FAILED
TO MAKE ME
SMILE.

I HOPE
THAT'S HOW
THEY REMEMBER
ME.

IF I'M
REMEMBERED
AT ALL.



LET'S GO
SEE THAT YOU
ARE.



SURELY,
THERE'S
ANOTHER
WAY.

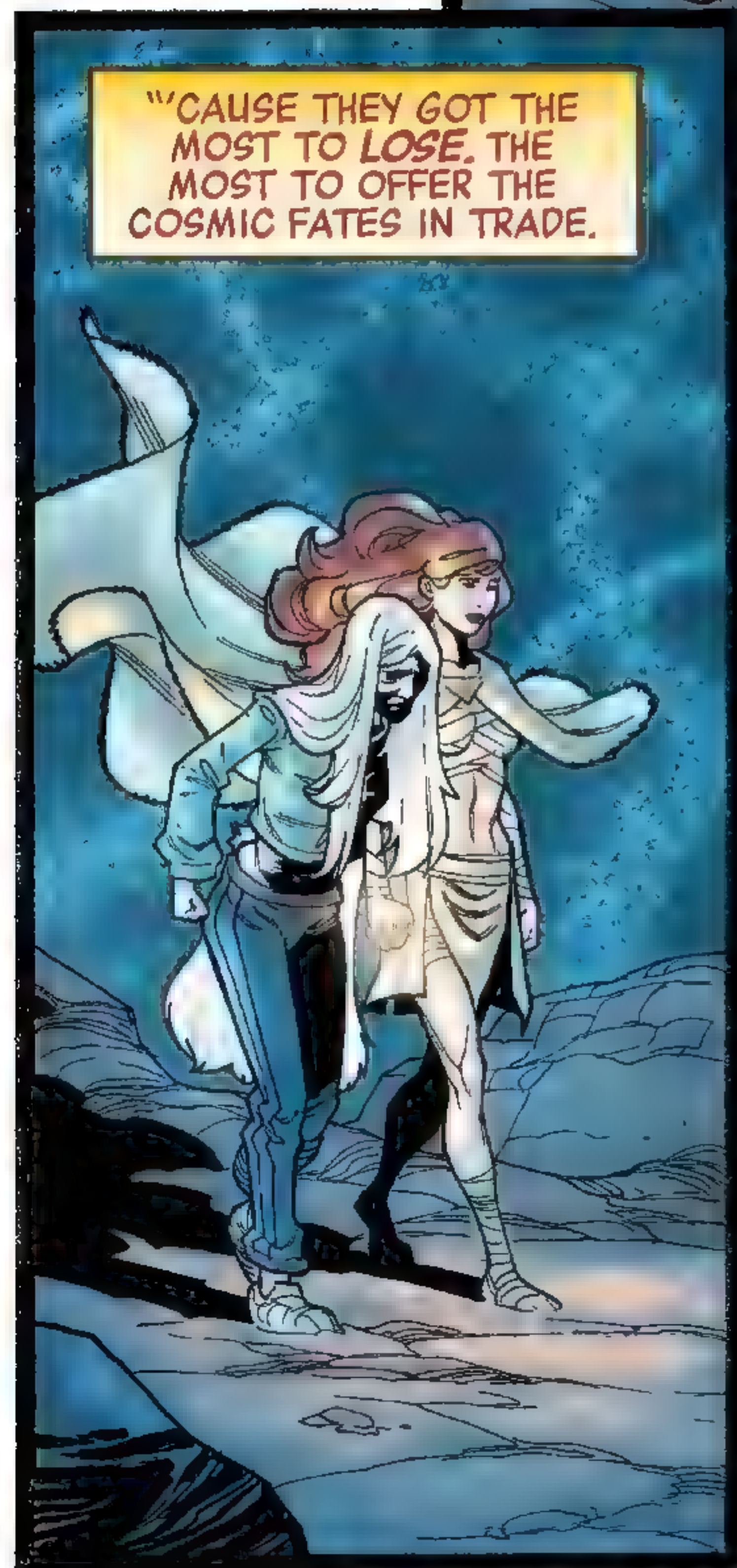
YOU KNOW
AS WELL AS
I DO THAT THERE
AIN'T, ECHO.

THEN IT
SHOULD BE **US**,
LOGAN.

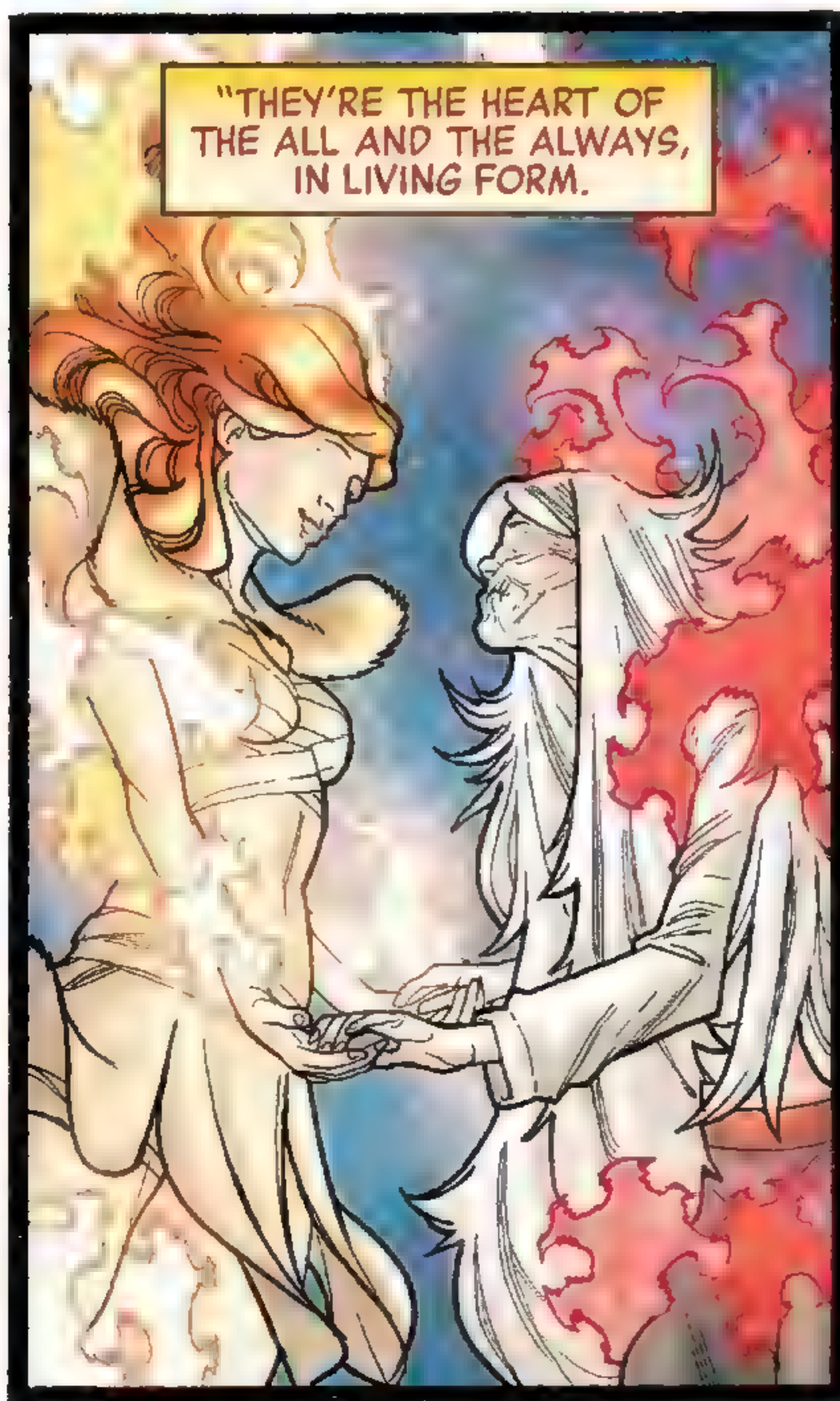


WISH IT COULD
BE. BUT IT HAS TO
BE THEM. WAS ALWAYS
MEANT TO BE
THEM.

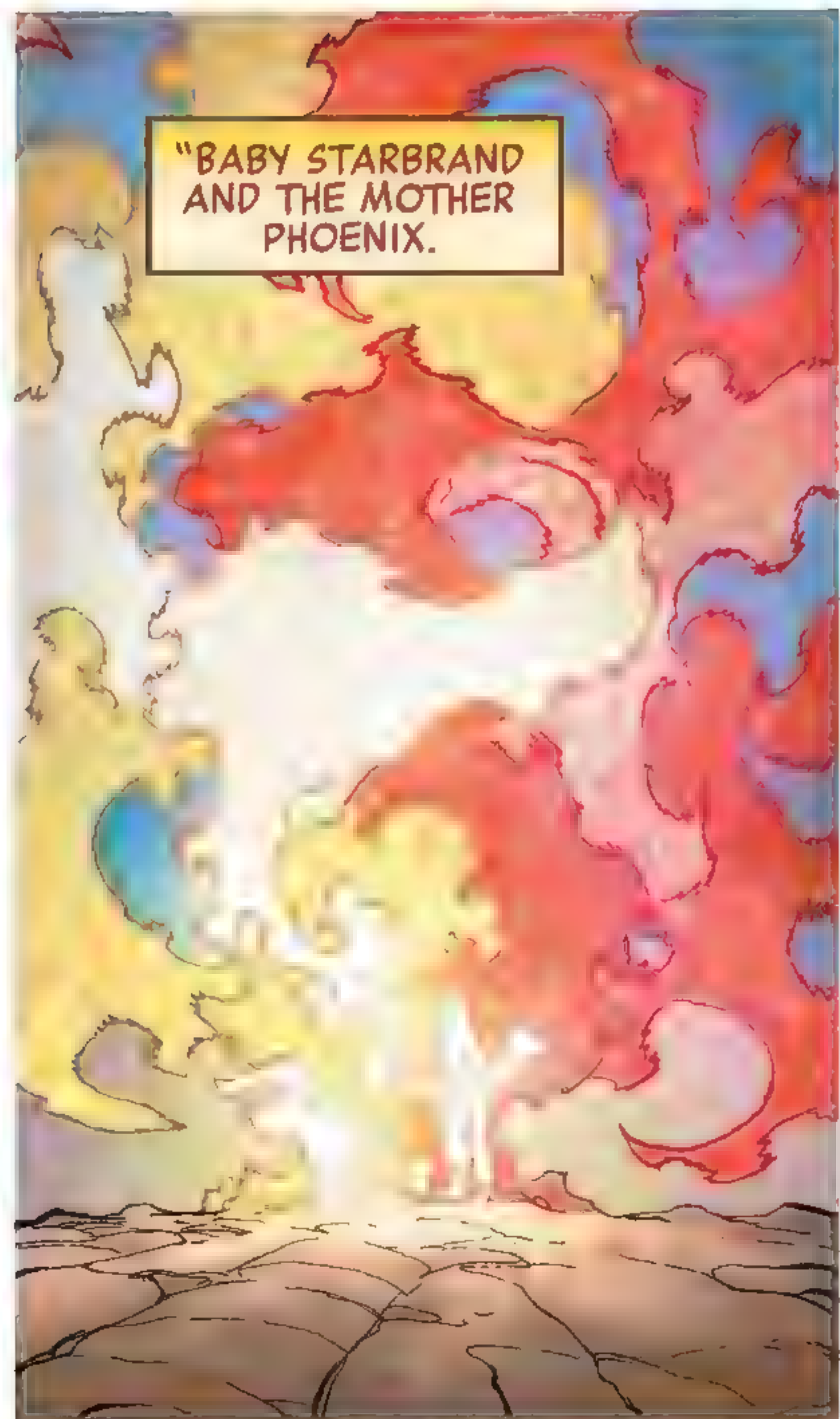
WHY?



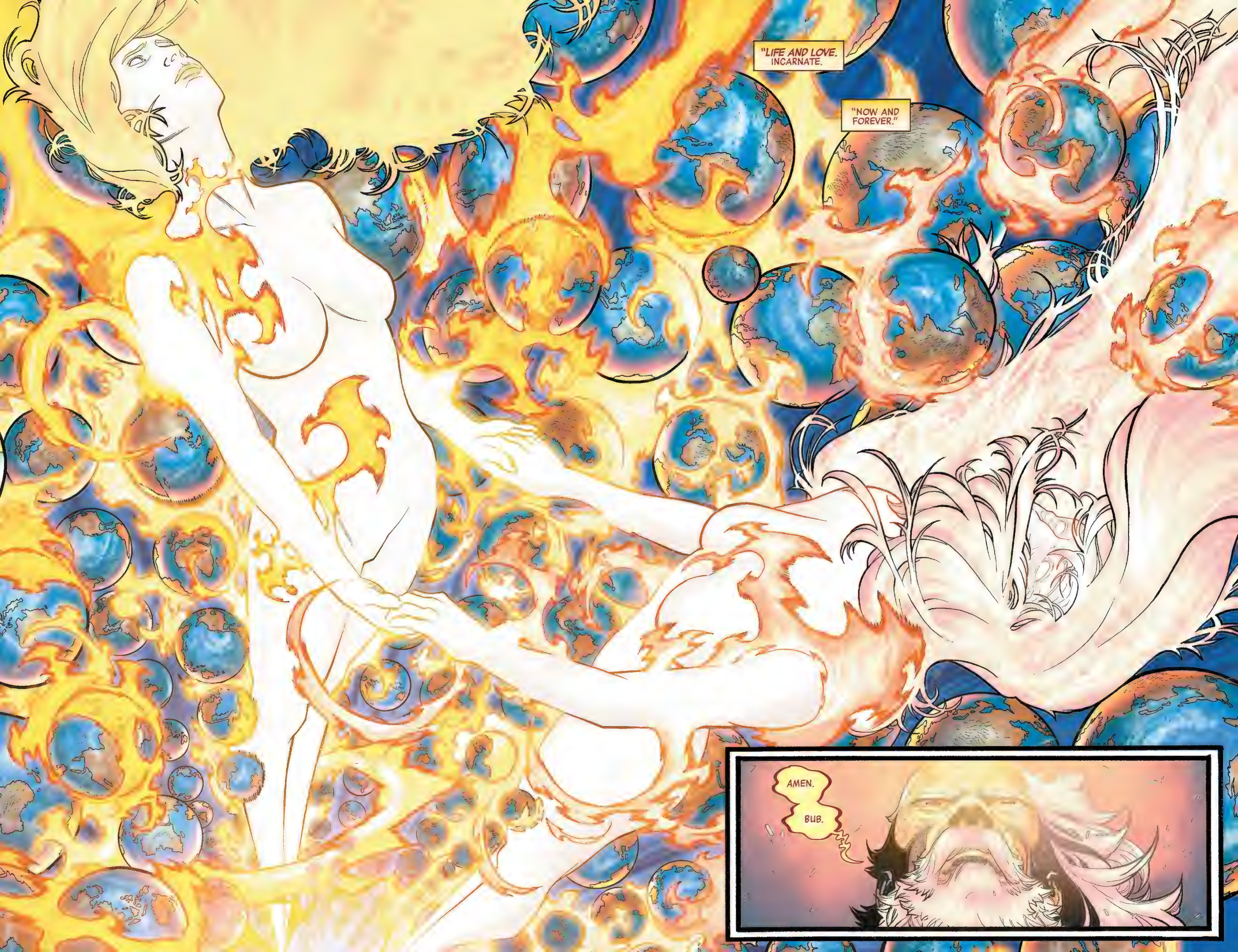
"'CAUSE THEY GOT THE
MOST TO **LOSE**. THE
MOST TO OFFER THE
COSMIC FATES IN TRADE.



"THEY'RE THE HEART OF
THE ALL AND THE ALWAYS,
IN LIVING FORM.



"BABY STARBRAND
AND THE MOTHER
PHOENIX.



"LIFE AND LOVE.
INCARNATE."

"NOW AND
FOREVER."



AMEN.

BUB.

EARTH-616.
THE STONE AGE.

DESPITE OUR
GRIEVOUS LOSSES,
THOSE OF US HERE IN THIS
PRIMORDIAL ERA MUST
CARRY ON WITH OUR
SACRED DUTY...

...OF
GUARDING THE
GREATEST OF
EARTHS IN ITS
CRIB.

TO THAT END,
THE SORCERER
SUPREME MUST EVER
BE ABLE TO *FORESEE*
THE NEFARIOUS
THREATS THAT ARE
COMING.

AND SINCE I
NOW FIND MYSELF
DEPRIVED OF *EARTHLY*
SIGHT...

...THE
MYSTIC ARTS
SHALL SEE FOR
ME.

RISE
NOW...*EYES OF*
AGAMOTTO.



THE EYES SEE...
NEW *GHOST RIDERS*
EMERGING FROM THE
FIRES OF HELL.

NEW *MUTANTS*
COMING OF AGE,
WITH POWERS THAT
DEFY IMAGINING.

THE COMING
OF MEN WHO WILL
REACH THE STARS...
AND WOMEN WHO
WILL WALK AS
GODS.

SOUNDS
PROMISING.



LET'S SEE
HOW MANY OF
THEM WANT TO
SAVE THE
WORLD.

**ASGARD.
A MILLION
YEARS AGO.**

HEAR
NOW THE
WORDS OF THE
ALL-FATHER!

I AM
DONE WITH
YOU! ONCE AND
FOR ALL!

TIME AFTER
TIME, YOU HAVE
PROVED YOURSELF
UNWORTHY OF THE
GREATEST GOD
OF ASGARD!

NEVER AGAIN
WILL ALL-FATHER
ODIN LAY HIS BLESSED
HAND UPON YOU,
YOU WRETCH!

ACROSS ALL
THE HEAVENS, IN
ALL THE UNIVERSES,
YOU ARE THE MOST
WILLFUL AND UNBRIDLED
MJOLNIR TO EVER
BE FORGED!

I PROMISE
YOU, MALLET,
YOU WILL SIT HERE
UNWIELDED UNTIL
THE ASHES OF
RAGNAROK GROW
COLD!

MAY YOU
NEVER THUNDER
AGAIN!

KRAKLE

**THE FAR
FUTURE.
NEW MIDGARD.**

"THE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
IN THE EASTERN
HEMISPHERE COULD
USE A GOOD WATERING."

IT'S YOUR
TURN TO MAKE
THE STORM, ISN'T IT,
ELLISIV? BETTER
GET GOING.

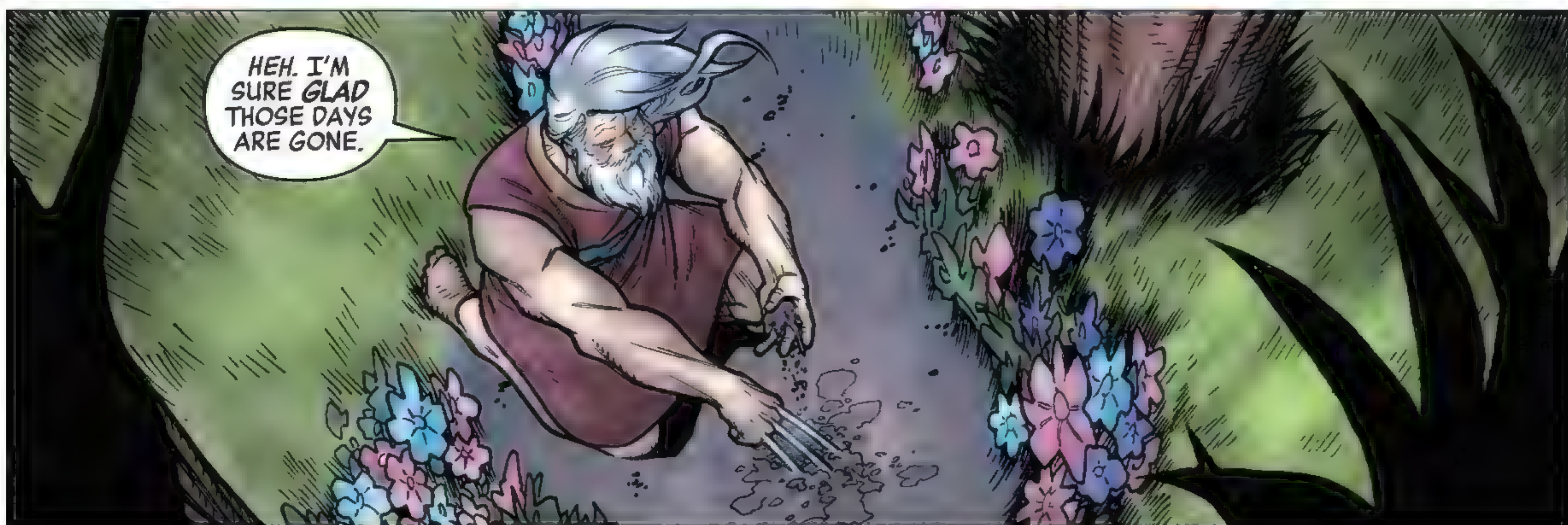
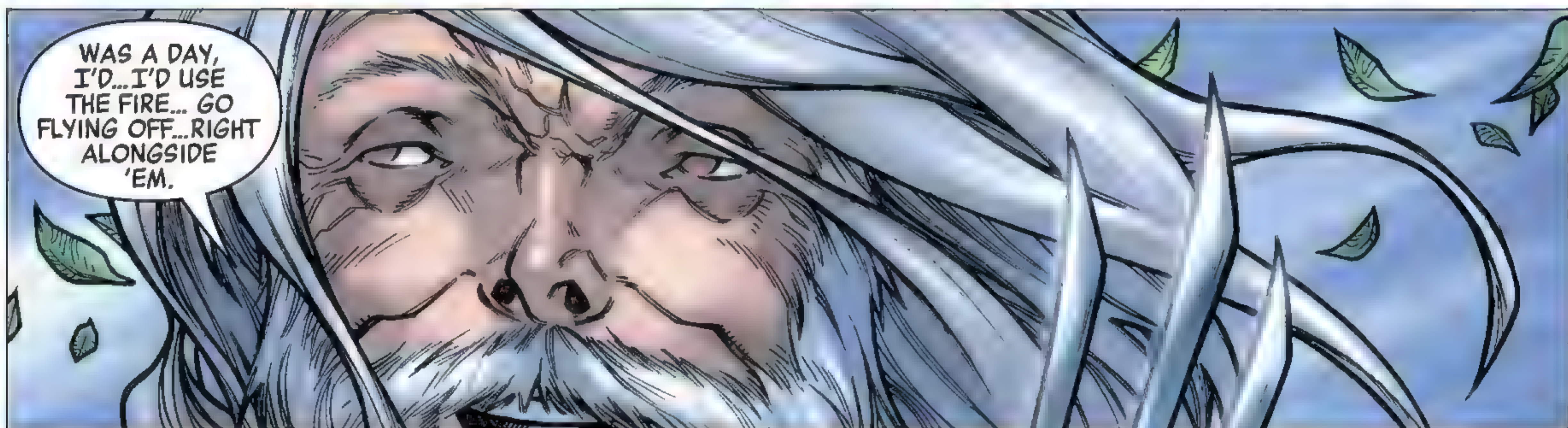
OH, I'D
LOVE TO. IT'S
JUST A SHAME WE
HAD TO RETURN THOSE
OTHER HAMMERS TO
THEIR RIGHTFUL WORLDS.
JUST WHEN I WAS
GETTING USED TO
HAVING MY OWN.

YOU DO
HAVE YOUR OWN,
SISTER.

AYE, BUT,
ONE HAMMER FOR
THREE GODDESSES
OF THUNDER. THAT'S
GOING TO BE
TROUBLE.

ATLI!
IT'S MY
TURN!

ATLI!!!



**ASGARD.
THE PRESENT.**

MY LADIES,
MAY I PRESENT
TO YOU...

...ECHO
OF MIDGARD.
FORMERLY THE
PHOENIX.

THAT POWER
WAS RECENTLY
BURNED OUT OF HER
WHEN SHE FOUGHT TO
SAVE ALL REALITY AT
A PLACE CALLED THE
GOD QUARRY.

THOUGH
SHE REMAINS
FOREVER...AN
AVENGER. AND
A FRIEND.

MAYA, I
WOULD LIKE
YOU TO
MEET...

my
mothers.

LADY GAEA,
LADY FREYJA. IT'S
AN HONOR.

NAY,
AVENGER.
THE HONOR
IS OURS.

NEW YORK CITY.

NIGHT
JOURNAL. DAWN
ALWAYS COMES
TOO SOON.

NO SIGN
OF THE OTHER
**SQUADRON
SUPREME OF
AMERICA**
MEMBERS.

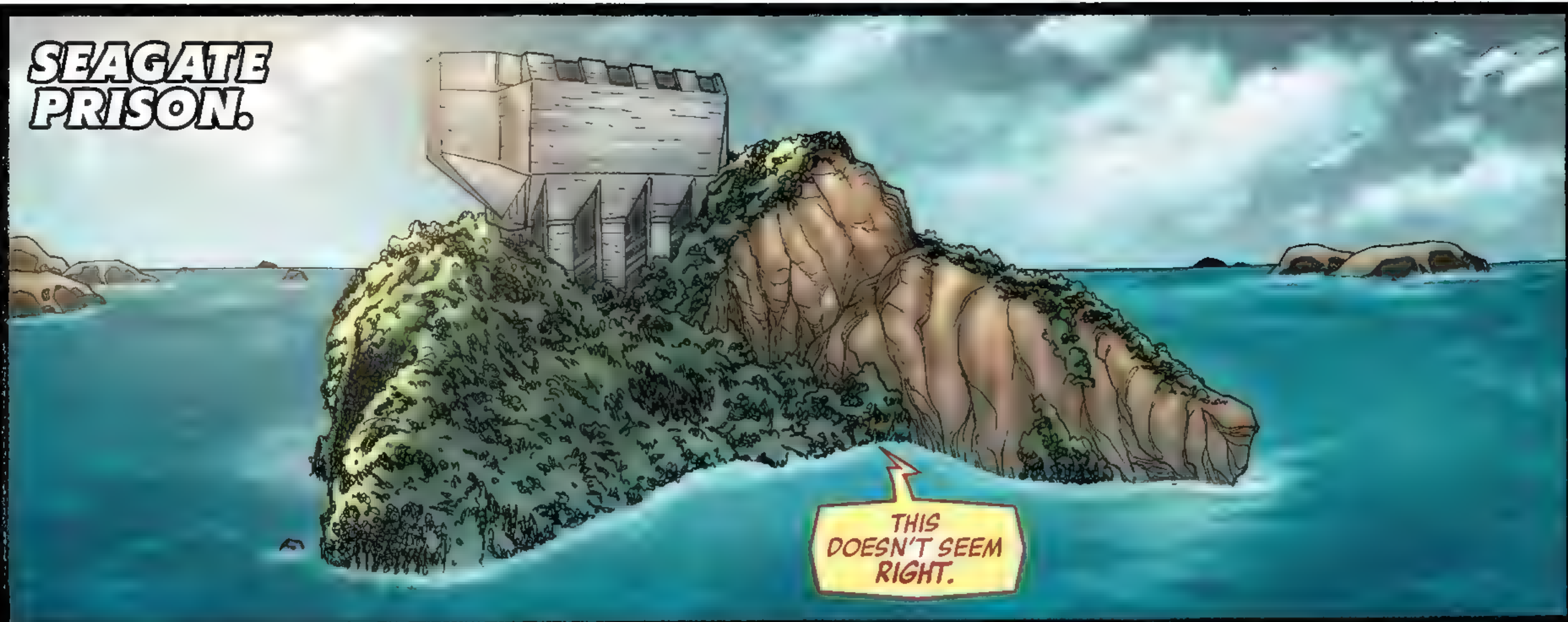
THE TRAIL
OF BODIES IN
THEIR WAKE HAS
GROWN COLD. BUT
I KNOW IT WON'T
STAY THAT WAY
FOREVER.

AS AN
ARTIFICIAL CREATION
OF MEPHISTO, I STILL
HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG
THIS BODY OF MINE
WILL HOLD ITSELF
TOGETHER.

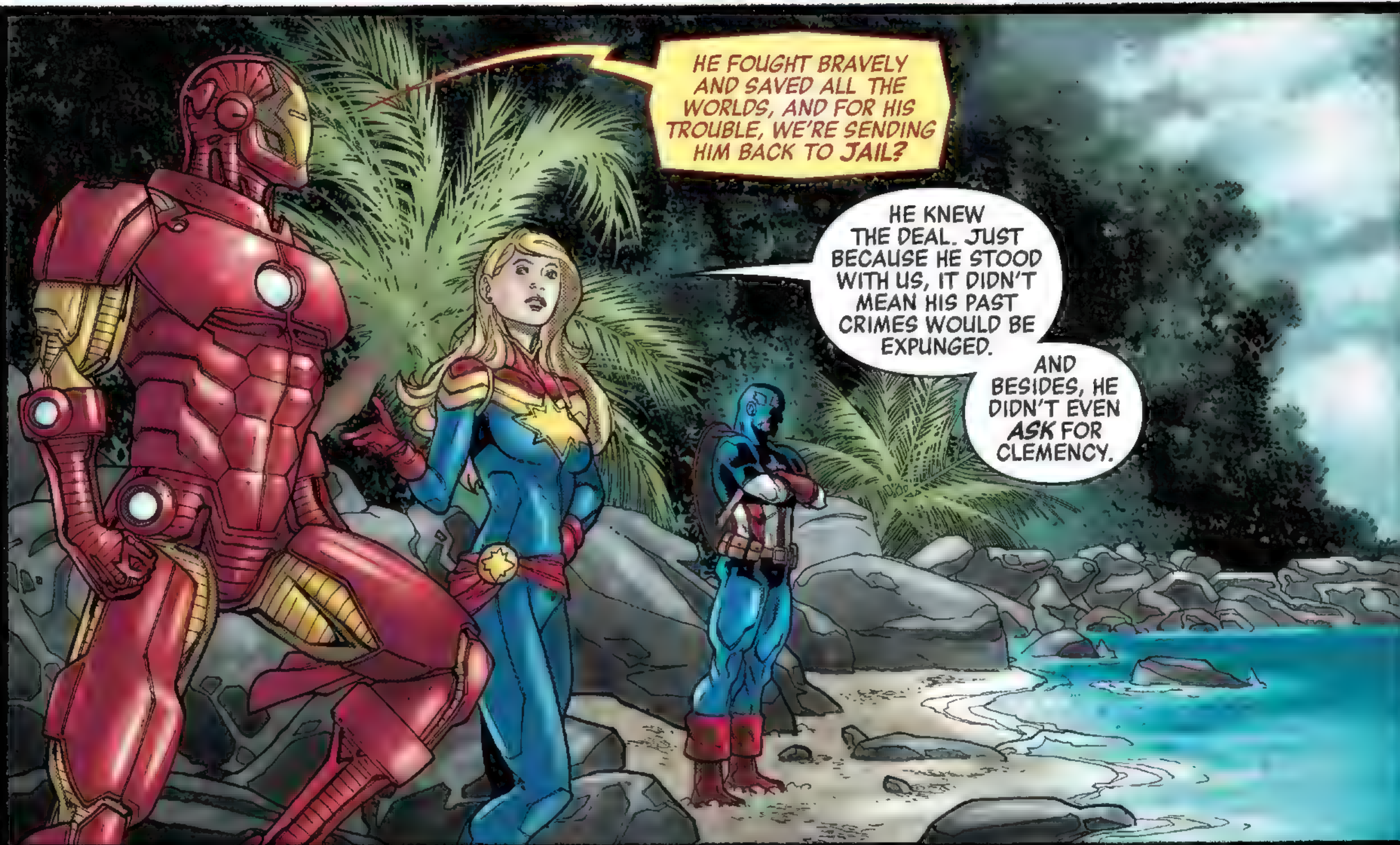
ALL I KNOW...
IS THAT HOWEVER
LONG I HAVE...

...I'M GOING
TO SPEND IT
WHERE I
BELONG.

SEAGATE PRISON.



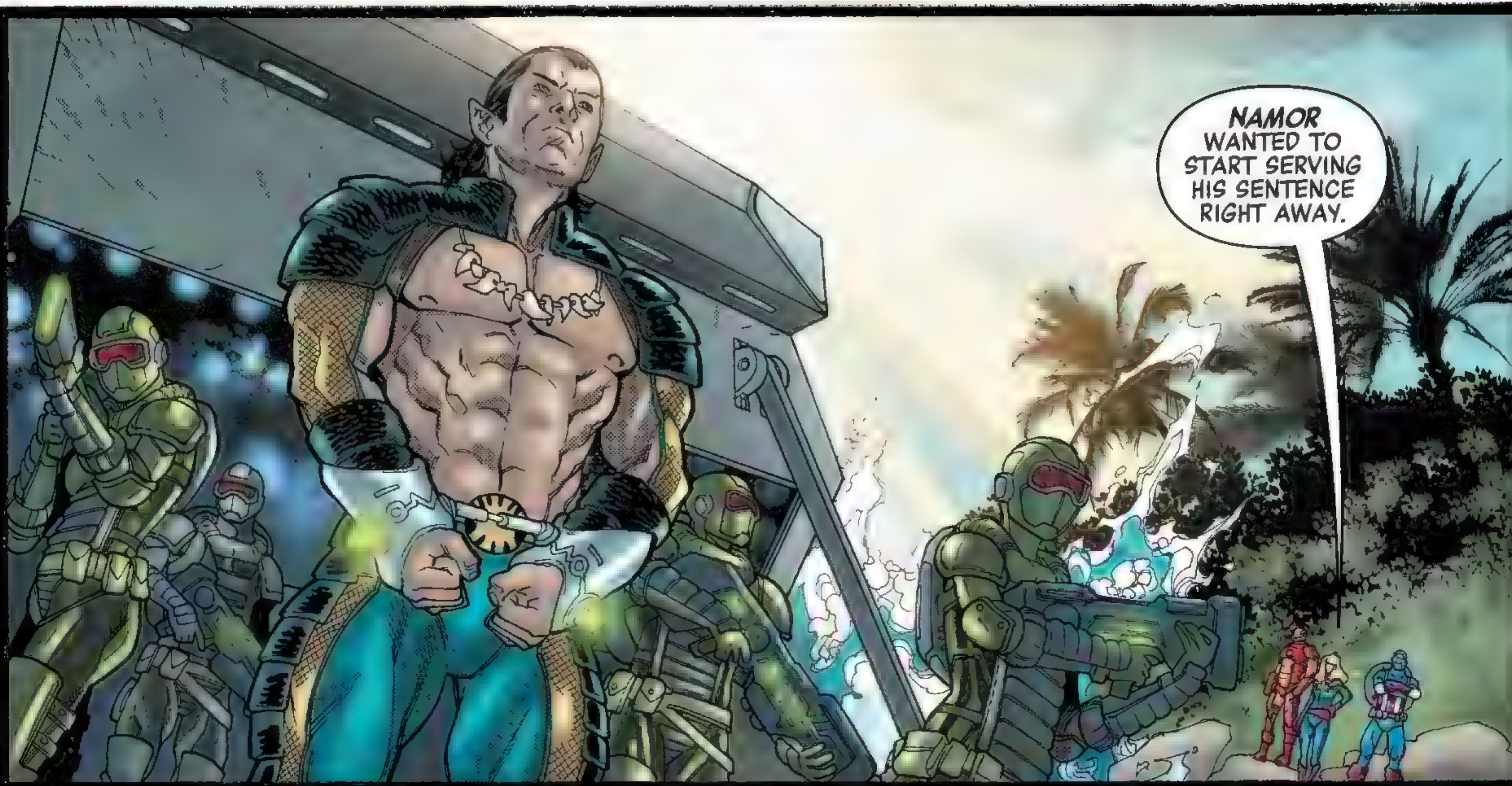
THIS DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT.



HE FOUGHT BRAVELY AND SAVED ALL THE WORLDS, AND FOR HIS TROUBLE, WE'RE SENDING HIM BACK TO JAIL?

HE KNEW THE DEAL. JUST BECAUSE HE STOOD WITH US, IT DIDN'T MEAN HIS PAST CRIMES WOULD BE EXPUNGED.

AND BESIDES, HE DIDN'T EVEN ASK FOR CLEMENCY.



NAMOR WANTED TO START SERVING HIS SENTENCE RIGHT AWAY.

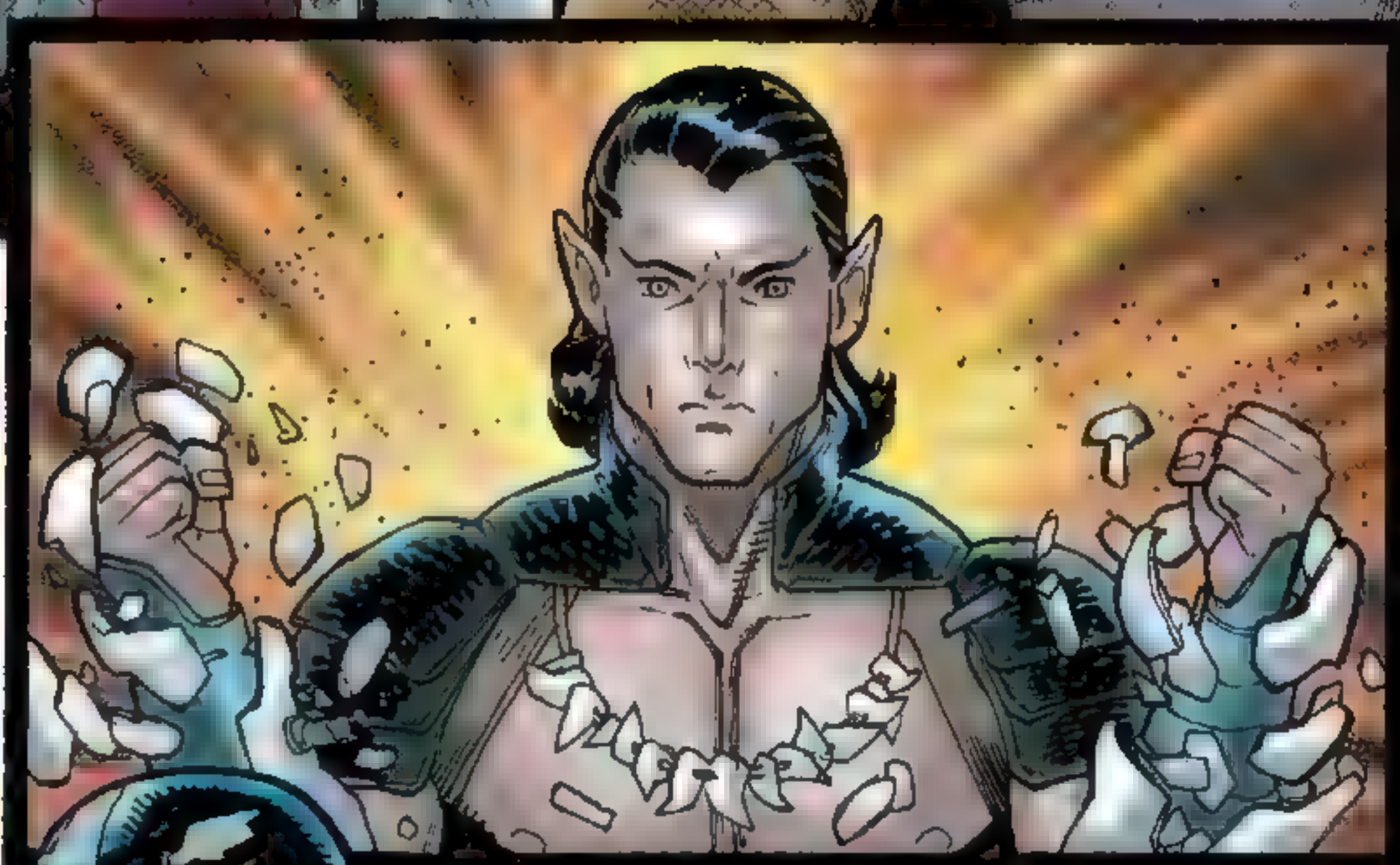
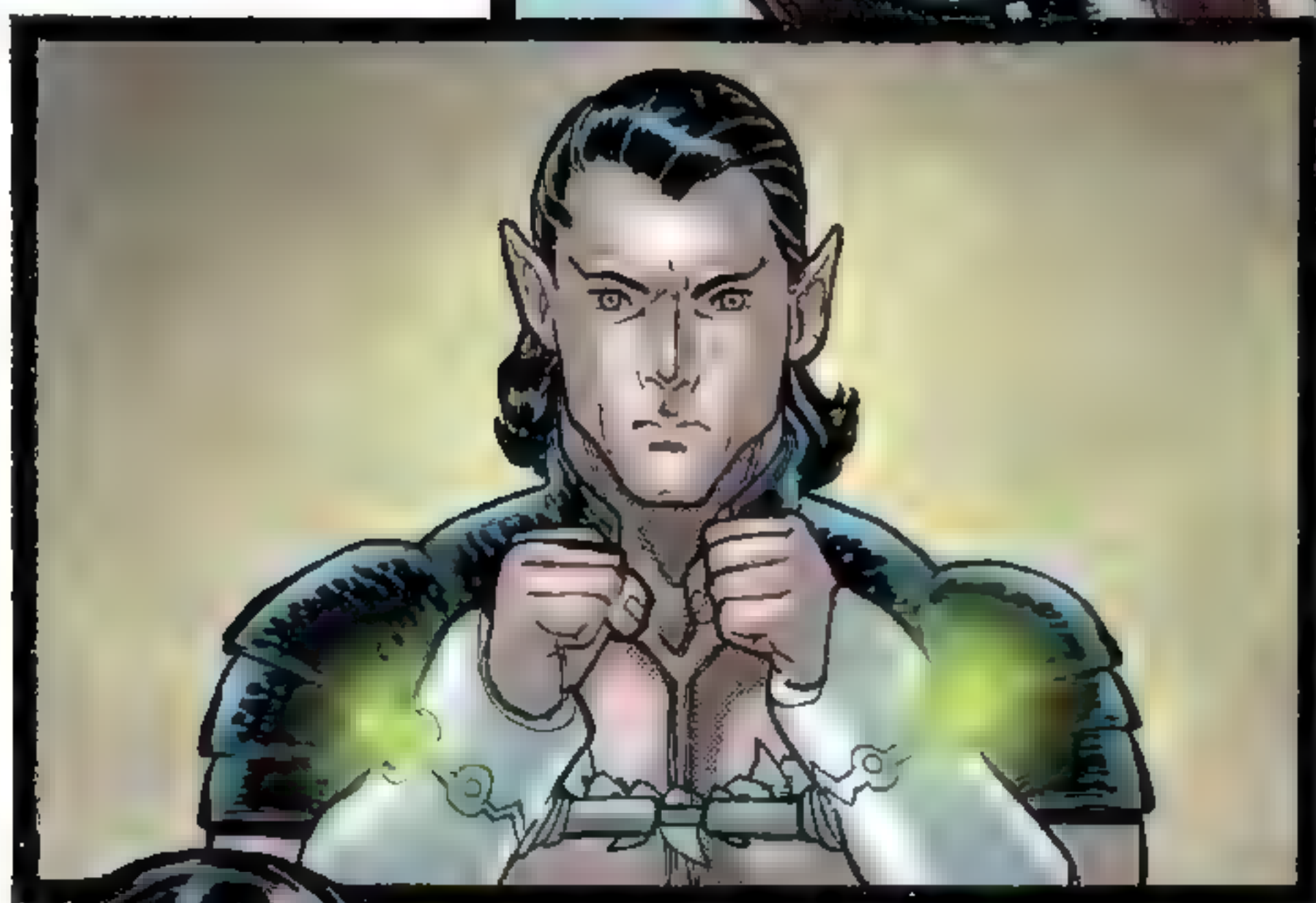


NAMOR.



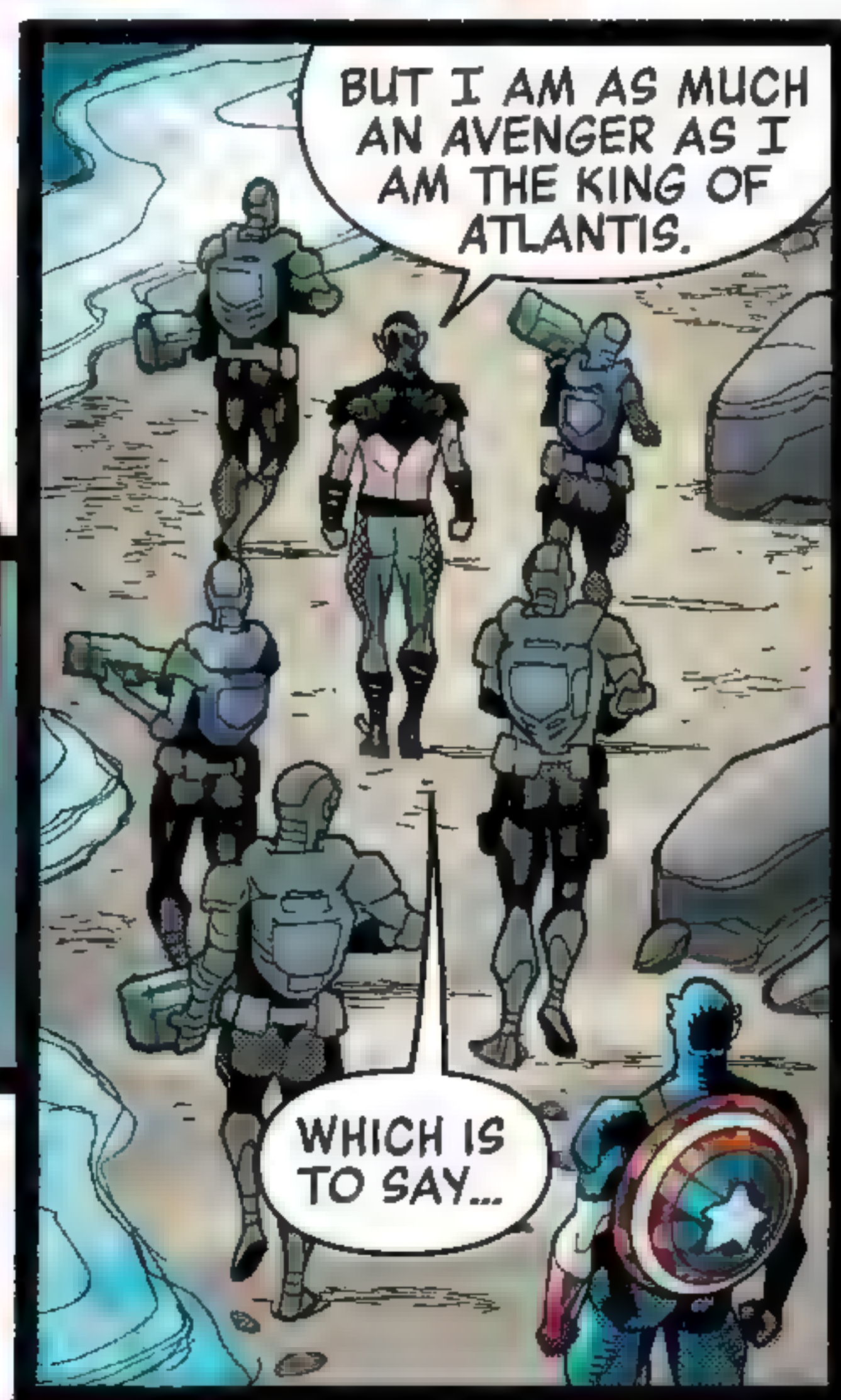
WELL
DONE.

AVENGER.



THANK
YOU.

STEVE.



BUT I AM AS MUCH
AN AVENGER AS I
AM THE KING OF
ATLANTIS.

WHICH IS
TO SAY...



THE NORTH POLE.

AVENGERS MOUNTAIN MAY BE GONE, AND THE TORCH WILL NOW BE PASSED TO A NEW TEAM OF AVENGERS.

BUT WE WILL NEVER FORGET...THOSE WHO SERVED HERE.

WHO ANSWERED THE CALL WHEN THEIR WORLD NEEDED THEM.

WHEN ALL THE WORLDS WERE IN PERIL.

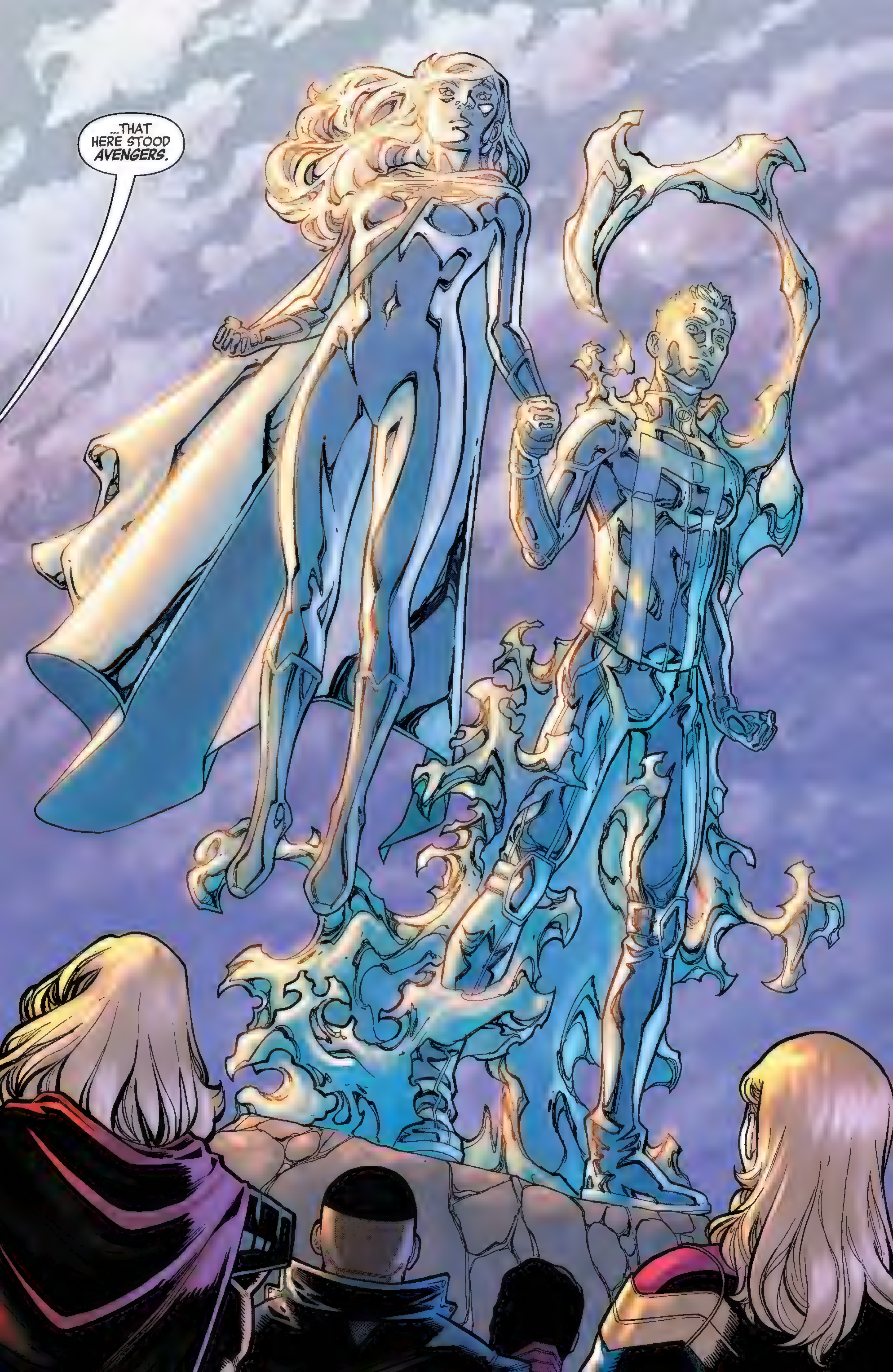
WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED WITH US.

WHO SAVED US.

MAY WE NEVER FORGET...



...THAT
HERE STOOD
AVENGERS.



THE NETHER- REALMS.

THA'S
SEARCHED EVERY
CORNER OF T'
AFTERLIFE AND FOUND
NOWT, VALKYRIE.
TIME TO HEAD
HOME, AYE?



AFTER EVERYTHING THEY
DID. THE PREHISTORIC
PHOENIX...ROBBIE...
BRANDY...I JUST WANTED
TO KNOW FOR CERTAIN
THAT THEY'RE ENJOYING
THE ETERNAL REST
THEY EARNED.

BUT THEY'RE
NOWHERE TO
BE FOUND, IN ANY
HEAVEN OR
HELL.

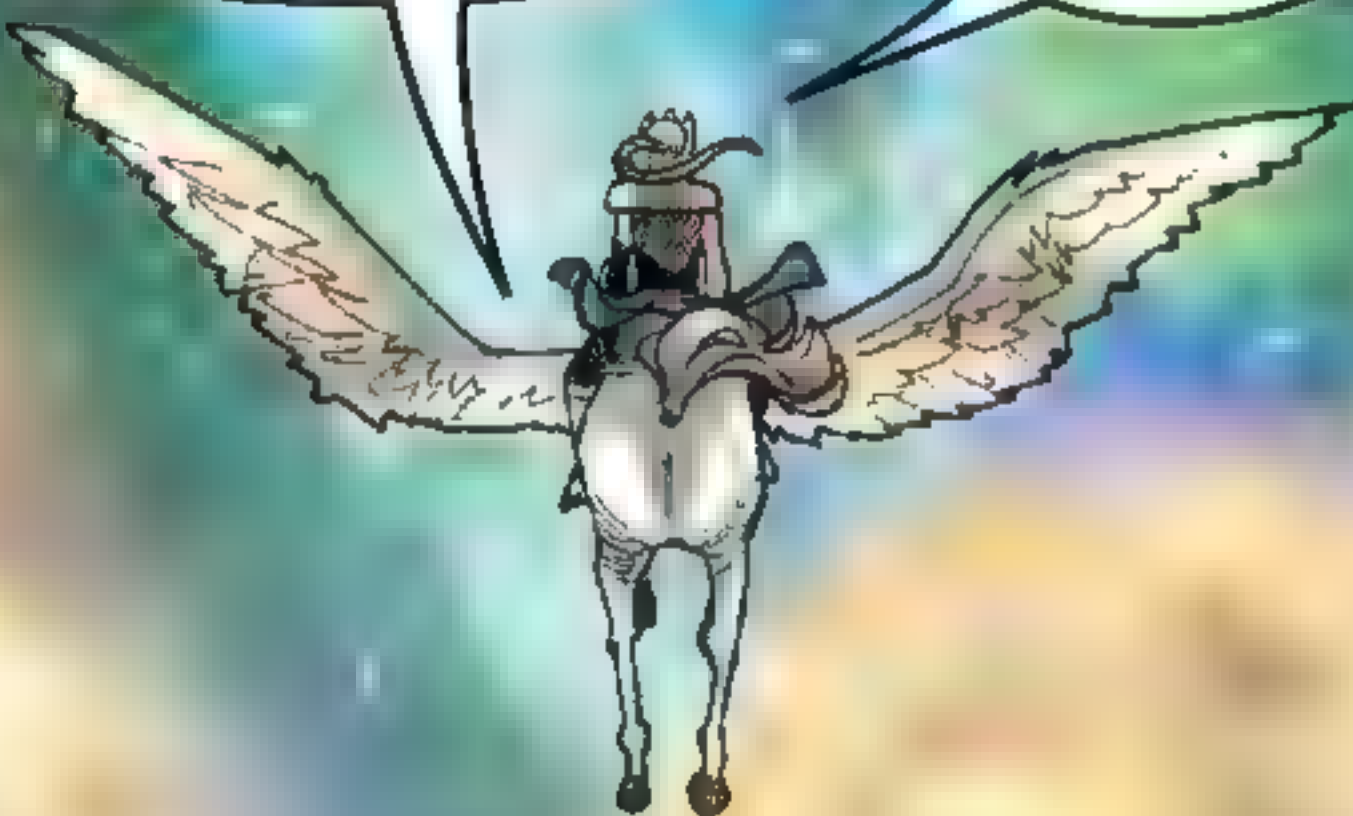


MIGHT BE...THEY'RE A
PART OF A LEGACY NOW,
ONE WHAT GOES ON
FOREVER. WHICH MEANS
THEY'RE STILL ALIVE OUT
THERE SOMEWHERE,
LIKE, IN A WAY...

...WAITIN'
TO BE
REBORN.

THEN AGAIN,
WHAT DO I KNOW?
I'M A HORSE, I AM.
THA WANT TO GIVE
IT ANOTHER SWEEP,
LASS, JUST TO
BE SURE?

NO, MR.
HORSE.



WE'VE
GOT OUR
OWN LEGACY
TO FORGE.



HELL.

IN THE NOW,
THE VALKYRIE
SEARCHES THE
HEAVENS.

IN THE
FAR FUTURE,
THE OLD LOGAN
GARDENS.

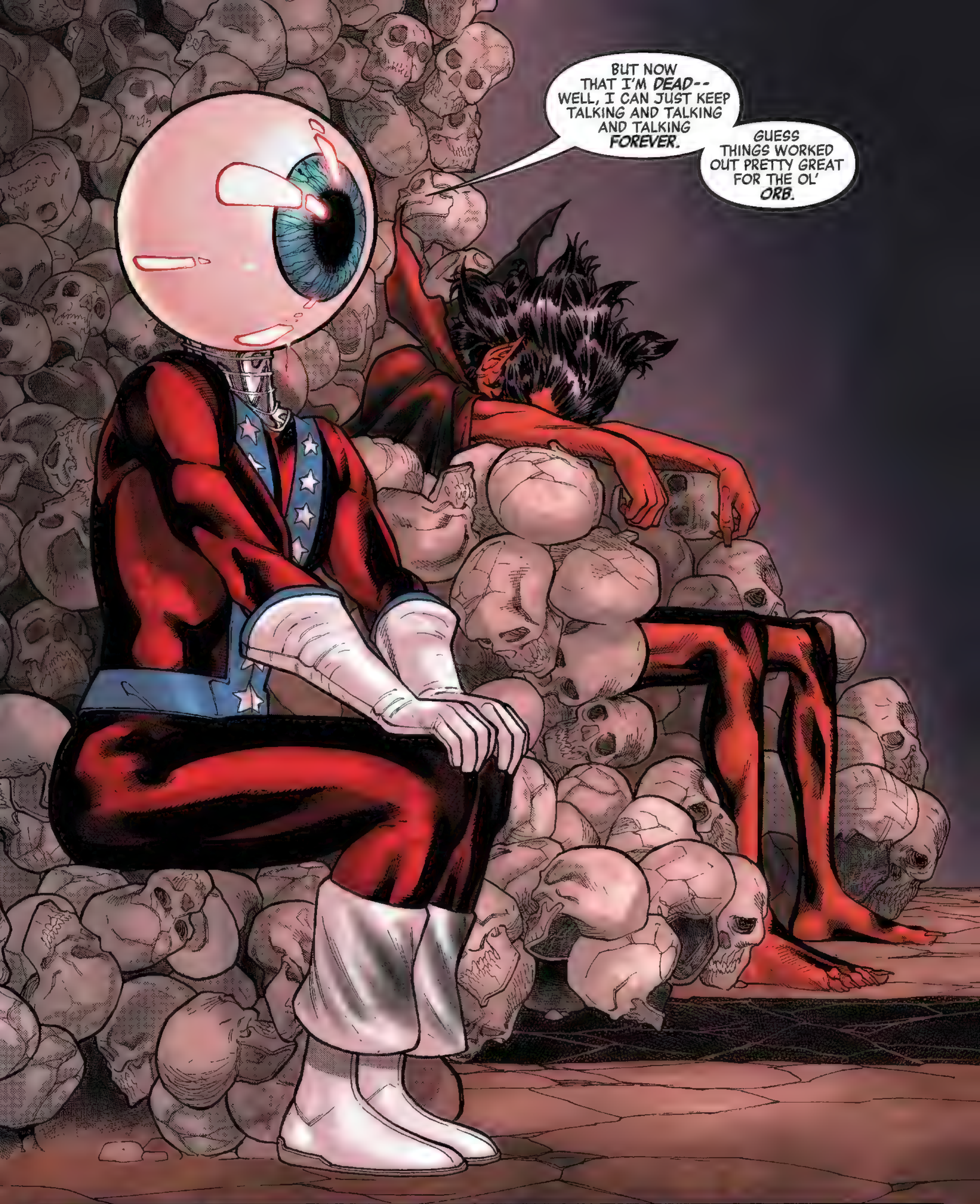
AND HERE
IN HELL, ALL IS
ONCE MORE AS
IT WAS MEANT
TO BE.

WOULDN'T
YOU SAY, LORD
MEPHISTO?

NO...THIS...
IS EVEN WORSE
THAN BEFORE.

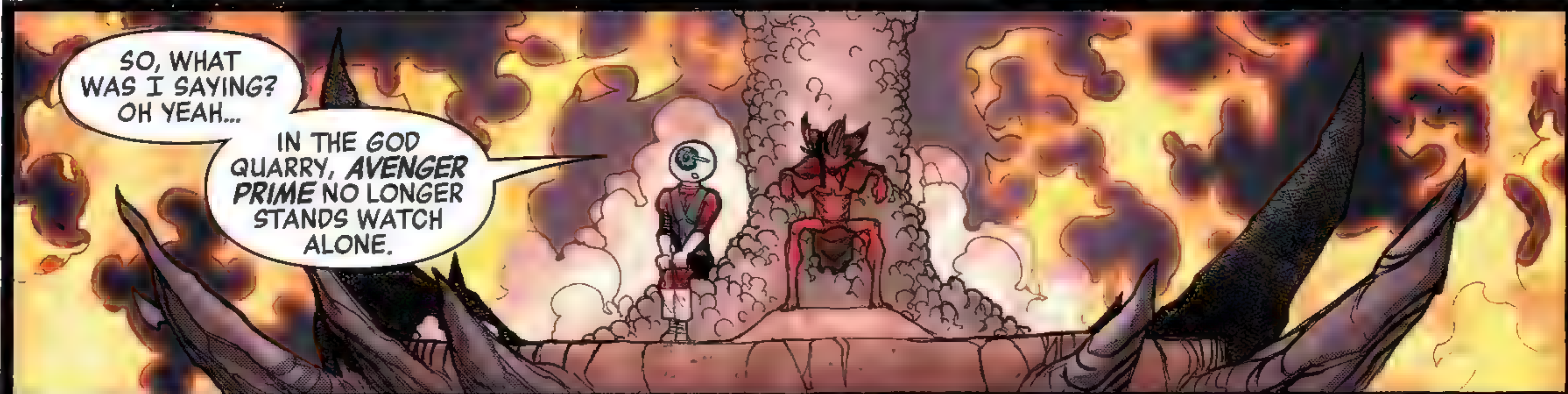
DON'T YOU
EVER STOP
TALKING?

I USED
TO HAVE TO
WHEN I WAS
ALIVE, JUST
TO, YOU KNOW,
STOP AND
BREATHE.



BUT NOW
THAT I'M DEAD--
WELL, I CAN JUST KEEP
TALKING AND TALKING
AND TALKING
FOREVER.

GUESS
THINGS WORKED
OUT PRETTY GREAT
FOR THE OL'
ORB.



SO, WHAT
WAS I SAYING?
OH YEAH...

IN THE GOD
QUARRY, AVENGER
PRIME NO LONGER
STANDS WATCH
ALONE.

INSIDE A BLACK HOLE AT THE DARK HEART OF ALL THAT IS LIES THE GOD QUARRY, INFINITY'S END.

ALL AGENTS, PREPARE FOR INTERUNIVERSAL TRAVEL.

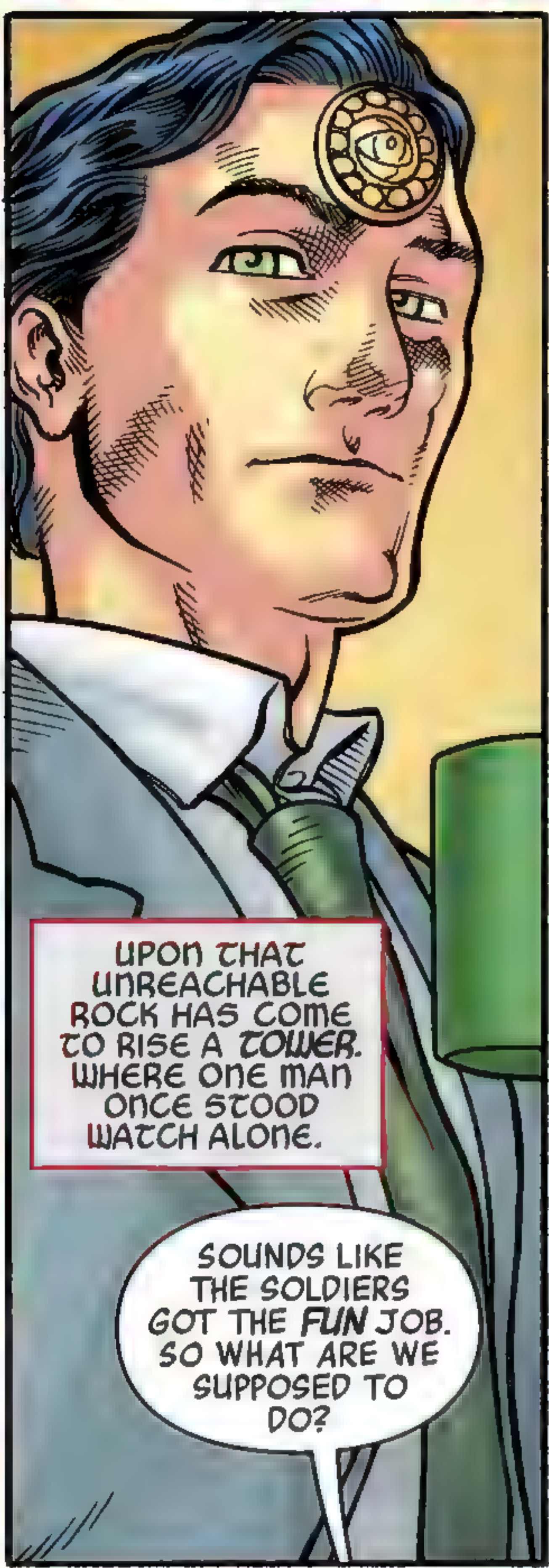
THIS IS AVENGER PRIME. I WANT RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS FROM ALL EARTHS THAT WERE RETURNED TO NORMAL.

CAROL CORPS. HOWLING COMMANDOS. WATCH YOURSELVES OUT THERE.

ALL RIGHT, SOLDIERS, LET'S MAKE THE BOSS PROUD.

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

AVENGERS FOREVER!



UPON THAT UNREACHABLE ROCK HAS COME TO RISE A TOWER. WHERE ONE MAN ONCE STOOD WATCH ALONE.

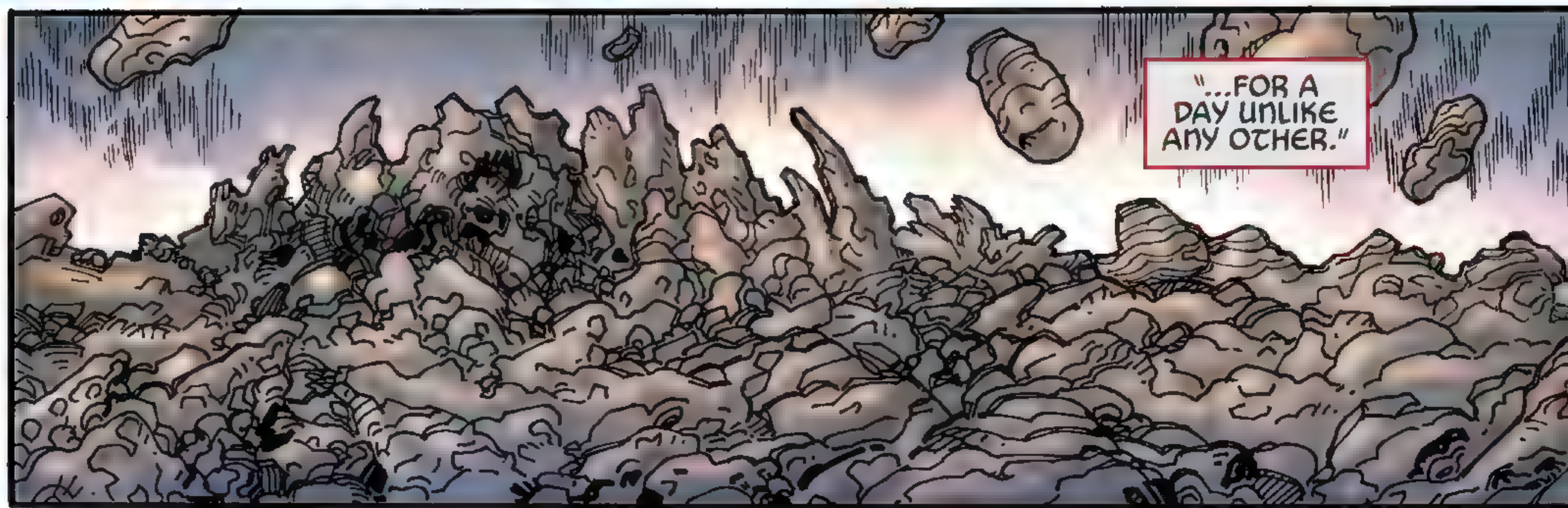
SOUNDS LIKE THE SOLDIERS GOT THE **FUN** JOB. SO WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?



STARBRAND AND THE PHOENIX SURE WENT THROUGH A WHOLE LOT OF TROUBLE IN ORDER TO **SPARE** US WHEN THEY RESET OUR WORLDS.

LEAST WE CAN DO IS **WORK** FOR OUR SUPPER. RIGHT, AVENGERS?

DON'T YOU WORRY, ANT-MAN. AROUND HERE, WE NEVER HAVE TO WAIT TOO LONG...



"...FOR A DAY UNLIKE ANY OTHER."

IN THE SEA
BEYOND THE GOD
QUARRY, ALL IS
STILL AND SILENT
ONCE MORE.

AND DARK. A
DARKNESS THAT
STRETCHES ON
INTO INFINITY.

EXCEPT NOW...
THERE IS A LIGHT.

A LIGHT THAT
SEARCHES THE
NOTHINGNESS...

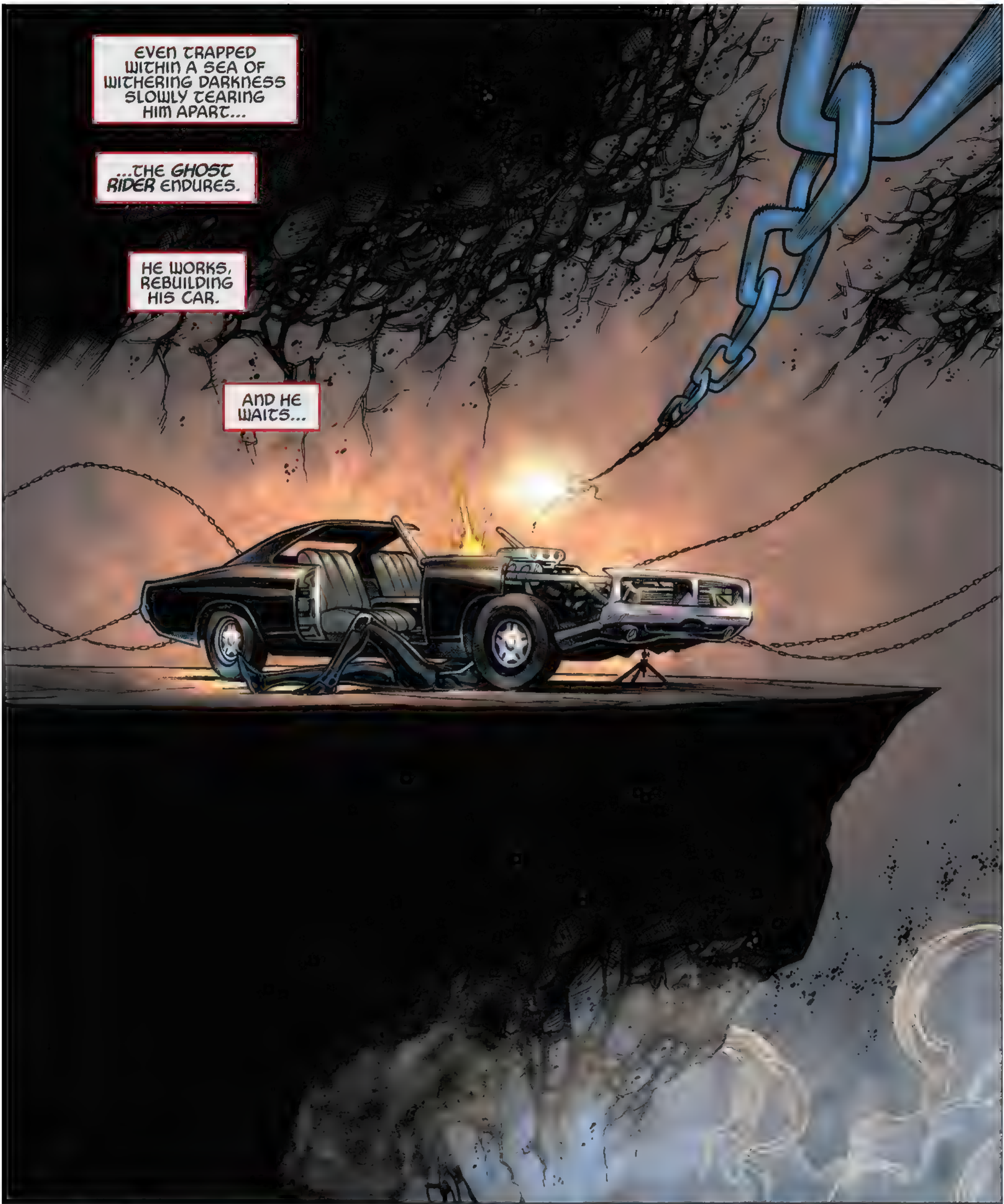
...FOR WHAT
HAS BEEN
LOST.

EVEN TRAPPED
WITHIN A SEA OF
WITHERING DARKNESS
SLOWLY TEARING
HIM APART...

...THE GHOST
RIDER ENDURES.

HE WORKS,
REBUILDING
HIS CAR.

AND HE
WAITS...



...WAITS FOR THE
CHANCE TO TAKE
ONE MORE RIDE.

MY
NAME IS
ROBBIE.

MY
BROTHER IS
GABE.

MY
NAME IS
ROBBIE.

THE LONG
RIDE HOME.





MARK BROOKS

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE ALPHA
100TH ANNIVERSARY VARIANT



SALVADOR LARROCA & EDGAR DELGADO

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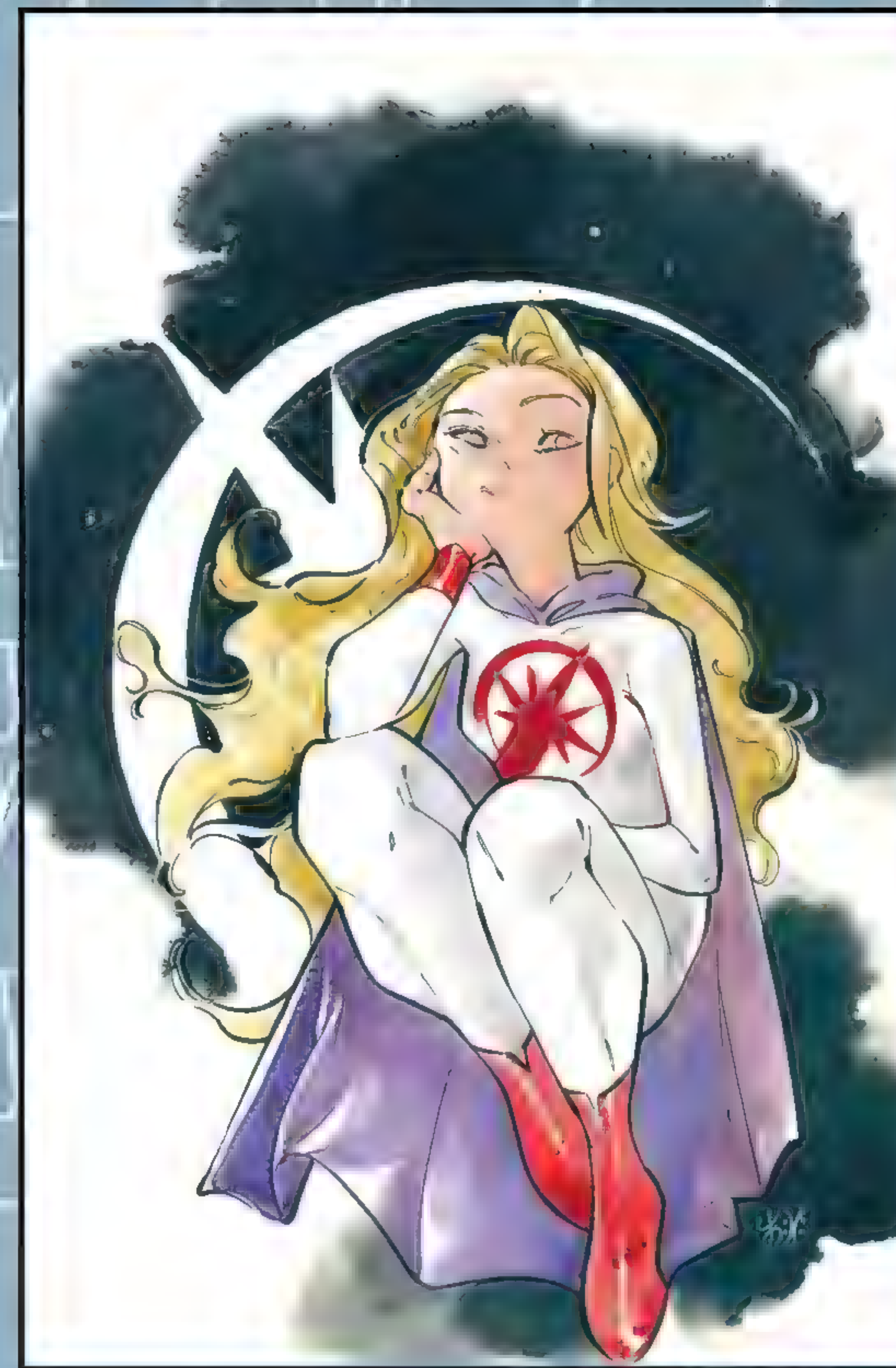
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THE AVENGERS ASSEMBLE: CONNECTING VARIANTS



PEACH MOMOKO

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(MARVEL UNIVERSE VARIANT)



INHYUK LEE

WINGERS #335 AVENGERS FOREVER #17
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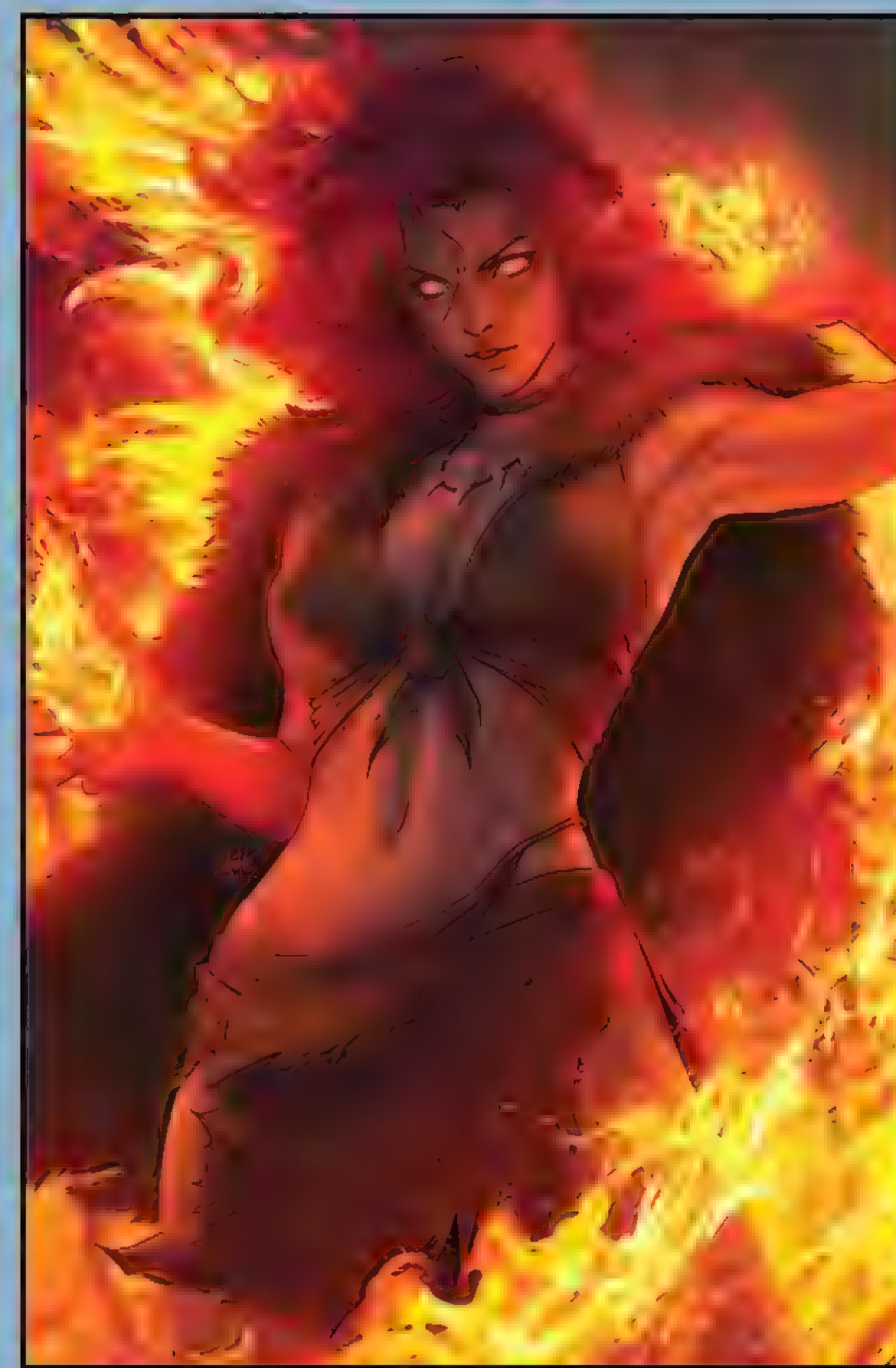
ALEX HORLEY

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EOD AVENGERS ASSEMBLE: CONNECTING VARIANTS



MIKE McKONE & MORRY HOLLOWELL

WINGERS #335 AVENGERS FOREVER #17
(AVENGERS #14 VARIANT)



STANLEY "ARTGERM" LAU

WINGERS #335 AVENGERS FOREVER #17
(WINGERS #335 VARIANT)



IVAN SHAVRIN

AVENGERS FOREVER #12 VARIANT



SKAN AVEUE

AVENGERS FOREVER #12
DEMONIZED VARIANT



LOGAN LUBERA & RACHELLE ROSENBERG

AVENGERS FOREVER #12
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE: CONNECTING VARIANTS



PEPE LARRAZ

AVENGERS FOREVER #12
TEACHING IMAGE VARIANT



STEFANO CASELLI & FEDERICO BLEE

AVENGERS FOREVER #12
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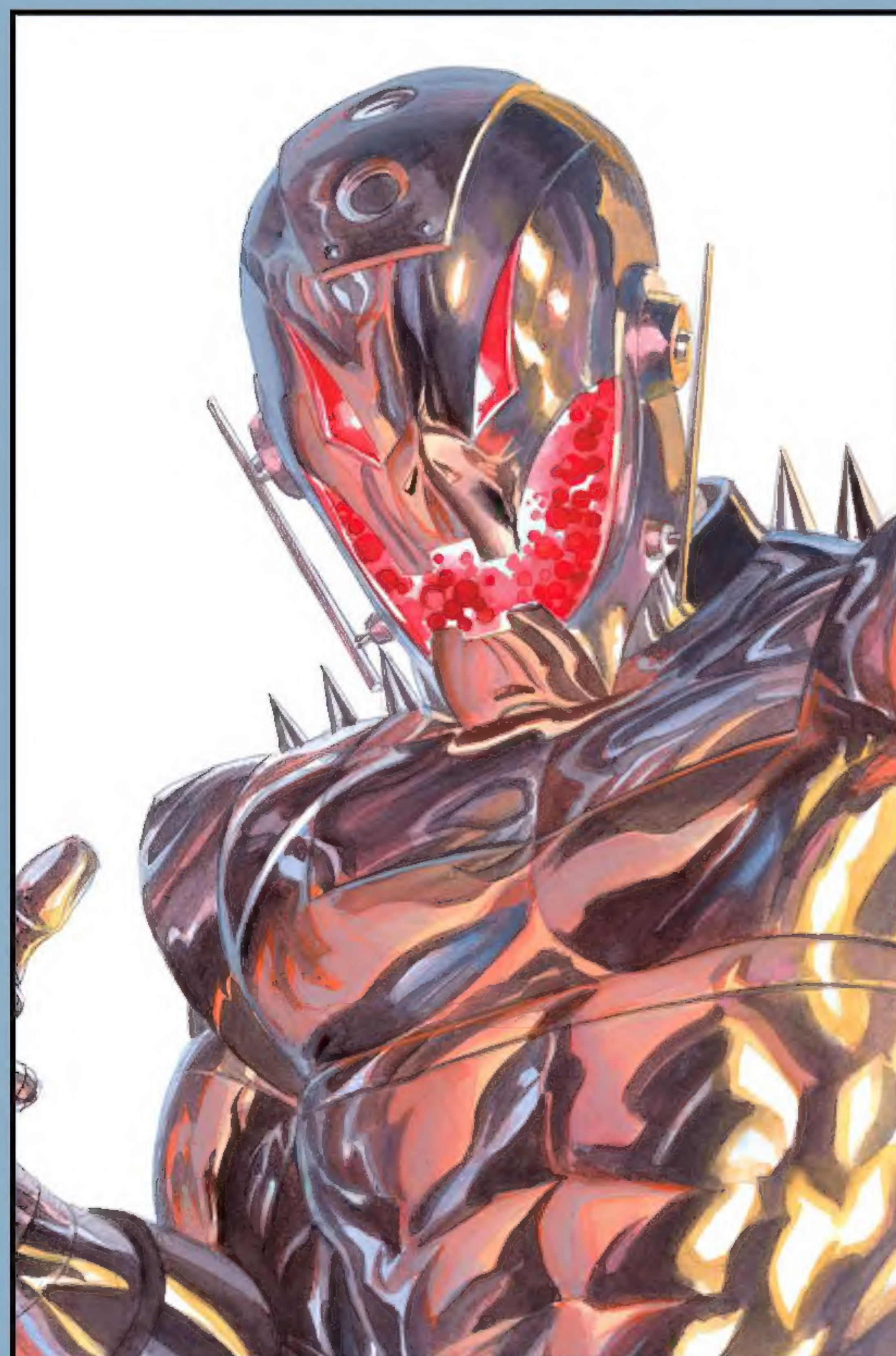
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AVENGERS ASSEMBLE OMEGA
 MARVEL ICON VARIANT



ALEX ROSS *AVENGERS FOREVER #15*
 TIMELESS VARIANT



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 TIMELESS SKETCH VARIANT



ALEX ROSS *AVENGERS #66*
 TIMELESS VARIANT



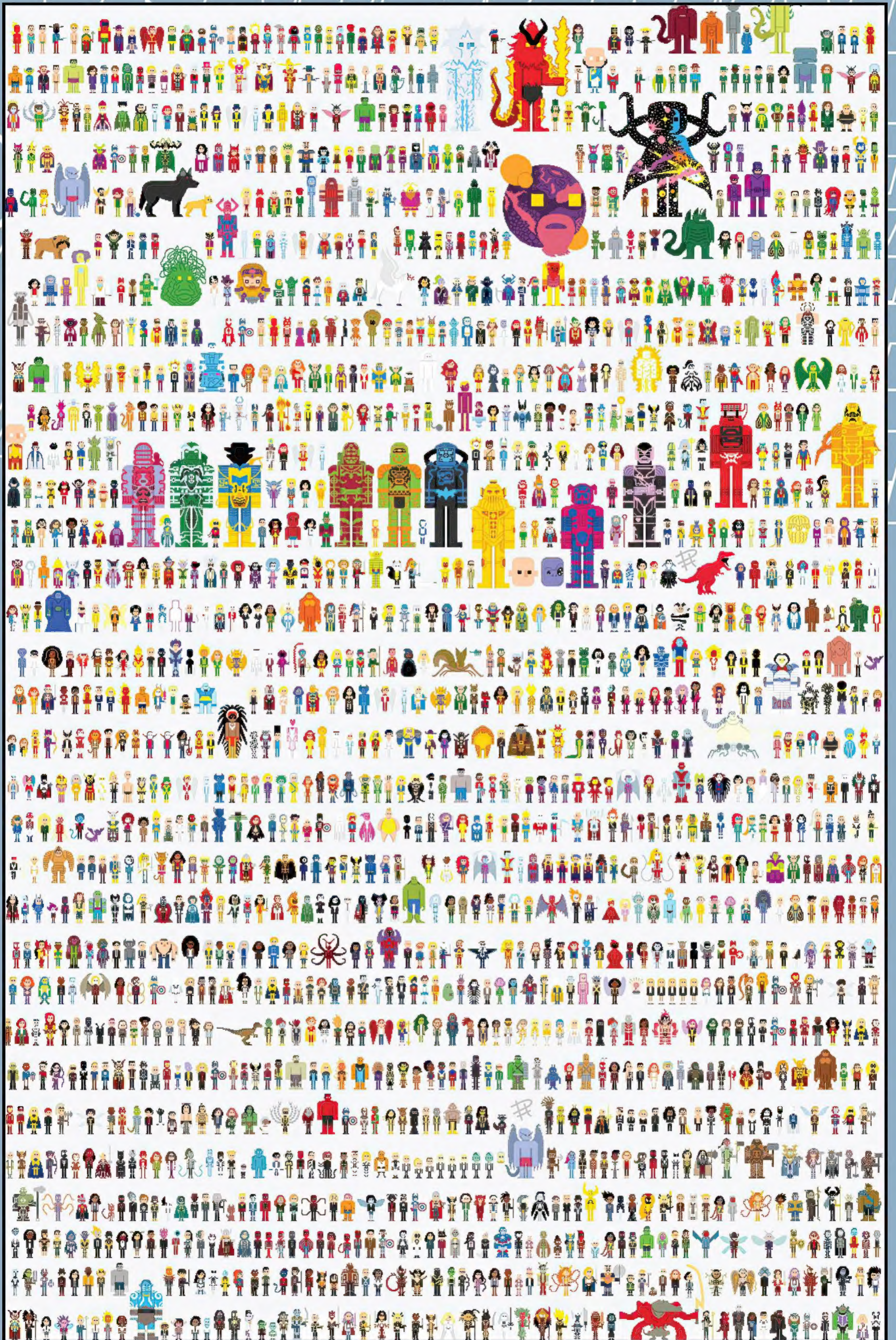
ALEX ROSS *AVENGERS #66*
 TIMELESS SKETCH VARIANT



ALEX ROSS
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE OMEGA
 TIMELESS VARIANT



ALEX ROSS
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE OMEGA
 TIMELESS SKETCH VARIANT



DAN HAINSWORTH
AVENGERS #66 & AVENGERS FOREVER #15 VARIANTS

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